STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

October 5, 2020

Taylor Caswell
Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Caswell,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, and 2020-18 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

1. Authority to transfer $1,400,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)

2. Authorize DHHS to accept and expend $1,400,000 from the GOFERR to support the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services efforts toward respite housing by authorizing DHHS to contract with respite care providers in an amount not to exceed $1.4 million to acquire bed space for those that require SUD-related respite services. To ensure the timely dispersal of funds, DHHS will use sole-source agreements with providers for the purchase of bed space. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 30, 2020. (100% Federal Funds)

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services
Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
for
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

October 1, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04 AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, AND 2020-18

Dear Governor Sununu:

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to transfer $1,400,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in support of the COVID-19 response efforts effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

   Funds for the transfer payment are available in 01-02-02-020210 – Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 – Office of the Director, as follows:

	FY2021
085-588595 – Inter-Agency Transfer of Federal Funds	$1,400,000

2. Contingent upon approval of Action Item #1, authorize DHHS to accept and expend $1,400,000 from the GOFERR to support the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services efforts toward respite housing by authorizing DHHS to contract with respite care providers in an amount not to exceed $1.4 million to acquire bed space for those that require SUD-related respite services. To ensure the timely dispersal of funds, DHHS will use sole-source agreements with providers for the purchase of bed space, effective upon your approval through December 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

   Funds will be budgeted as follows:

05-95-92-920510-19490000 BDAS GOFERR FUNDS		
CLASS	ACCOUNT	BUDGET REQUEST
102 - CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	500731	$ 1,400,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 1,400,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
00D – Transfer of Federal Funds	488502	$ 1,400,000
	TOTAL FUNDS	$ 1,400,000

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EXPLANATION

Respite Care Services and Beds - Through information gathered by the Doorways project, which provides statewide access to SUD services, there is an increasing need for access to respite services as a result of COVID-19. The pandemic has exacerbated the challenges associated with connecting individuals to adequate short-term SUD care. Constraints on transportation, medical, and other provider availability leaves vulnerable individuals, such as those with SUD, at risk. Increased funding for respite-care bed space will enable those in immediate need to access care during a challenging period where social distancing may isolate those with SUD from their typical support systems. To implement this program component, DHHS will contract with respite care providers in an amount up to $1.4 million to acquire bed space for those that require SUD-related respite services, but lack the means to access it. To ensure the timely dispersal of funds, DHHS will use sole-source agreements with providers for the purchase of bed space. To comply with the CARES Act, DHHS will contract for additional respite-care bed space through December 30, 2020 only.

All CARES Act funds must be spent by the recipients before December 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell
Director, GOFERR