

The State of New Hampshire **Recovery Plan**

State Fiscal Recovery Funds 2021 Report

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General Overview

Executive Summary

New Hampshire has been consistently ranked as one of the safest states through COVID-19 and has recovered at a faster pace than almost any other state – with New Hampshire serving as the gold standard in economic recovery and keeping people safe. New Hampshire maintained a relatively low infection rate thanks to sound, practical guidance, effective and rapid distribution of vaccinations, and a strong personal responsibility that is engrained in the citizens of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire invested hundreds of millions of dollars in private businesses faster than any other state in the nation, allowing them keep their doors open. We invested record money into our nonprofits and self-employed, helping every sector of our state. Our people-first strategy empowered businesses to stay in a strong position to operate and employ people. Our state's expedited and targeted business support, combined with its extensive social support investments, put New Hampshire in position for a rapid economic recovery – which has outpaced New England and much of the country.

New Hampshire's vision for the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) is one that continues and expands on this record of success. We will make strategic and long-range investments of these one-time federal funds in programs and projects that help families and communities come out of the COVID-19 pandemic stronger, healthier, and more resilient. We are prioritizing investments in initiatives that address economic and social challenges that have been exacerbated by the pandemic and threaten the State's economic recovery, as well as investments that will have long-term and generational impacts. These include affordable housing, education and job training, supporting our tourism and other impacted industries, investing in infrastructure, such as water, sewer, broadband, and other areas critical to the State's recovery. The State's strategic approach is designed to benefit all communities across the State.

This report captures authorizations and actions through August 31, 2021, where the State's work was focused on the foundational developmental stages for its intended SFRF programs and projects. Many of the State's early investments are intended to gain a better understanding of the social, demographic, and economic challenges arising out of the pandemic across the different regions of the State of New Hampshire. The State will use the information to best respond to constituent needs within the following SFRF categories:

- Public Health, including mental health infrastructure and investments in COVID-19 mitigation tools.
- Negative Economic Impacts.
- Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities.
- Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure.

Included in this Report are current programs and component projects, where funding has been authorized as of August 31, 2021 and obligated or expended as of July 31, 2021. Additional programs and projects will be identified and developed in the coming weeks and months and will be included in our future annual Recovery Plans and Performance Reports.

Uses of Funds

Since the outset of the pandemic, New Hampshire has continually evaluated what areas of the State have been impacted by COVID-19, and how one-time federal funds may be utilized to address those impacts. That ongoing analysis has guided New Hampshire's use of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and its early and strategic allocation of SFRF funds. The State is in the process of developing its intended use of remaining federal dollars to ensure that programs and projects address both the immediate needs resulting from COVID-19 and mitigate the long-term impacts COVID-19 has had on our communities and industries. The State will also invest substantial amounts in water and sewer infrastructure to ensure these one-time funds will benefit our families and communities for generations to come. This strategic approach has and will continue to include input by members of the public and community stakeholders.

Included below and in the Project Inventory section are projects where funding has been authorized as of August 31, 2021 as well as obligated and/or expended as of July 31, 2021. Future annual reports will provide additional programs and projects, and will include more detail on the design, evaluation, and outcomes of our SFRF initiatives. This information will also be available on the GOFERR webpage, available at www.goferr.nh.gov.

Public Health (EC 1)

Public health is a top priority for the State of New Hampshire as we continue to address COVID-19 and its impacts. Current intended public health uses of SFRF funds include programs designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the State including improving the indoor air quality of public buildings and facilities.

While the State made significant and meaningful investments into mental health, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the need for mental health services for both children and adults. The State has allocated funds to expand capacity to meet the increased need for these services. For example, New Hampshire is investing in increased capacity for both emergency psychiatric beds and community based services.

New Hampshire's Behavioral Health Improvement Plan, the improvements at New Hampshire Hospital, and the Glencliff Home renovations are examples of investments in safe and effective mental and behavioral health treatment facilities and services. These investments help to address the increased need for acute psychiatric services created by the pandemic, to the benefit of the State's families, communities, and health care system as a whole.

Programs described in the inventory section are designed to help address the mental health needs of our communities, and future allocations will continue that effort.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

Despite New Hampshire's success in reducing pandemic-related unemployment and the State's early and effective support of small businesses through CARES Act programs such as the Main Street Relief Fund, the State is not immune from acute workforce shortages. At this early stage, the State is prioritizing funding to address foundational economic challenges, including programs designed to address workforce shortages, improve worker and employer access to training and upskilling resources, understanding and developing resources to support impacted industries such as our critical tourism and

hospitality industry, and setting the stage for investments in critical areas that directly impact our state's economy such as housing, broadband, and water/sewer access.

In late 2020 and early 2021, the state developed its Economic Recovery and Expansion Strategy (ERES) with the help of stakeholders, public input, and analysis. A critical recommendation in that report is aimed at the development of Collaborative Economic Development Regions (CEDR), which will serve as hubs for regional economic development work.

will be providing a mechanism to advance regionally-specific economic relief and expansion strategies, particularly in the development and deployment of COVID-19 relief resources.

The State is targeting funding to support the recovery of its highest needs and most impacted industries, such as tourism. New Hampshire State Parks are a nationwide destination, with people visiting from all over the country. By investing in our State Parks, we can help facilitate the growth of the State's critical outdoor recreation, tourism, hospitality and travel industries. Efforts continue to include ensuring a safe experience for the increasing numbers of visitors, particularly as we have seen significant increases in usage of State Parks during the health crisis.

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)

In allocating funds to serve disproportionately impacted communities, New Hampshire's need for affordable housing is a critical component. Housing is central to providing individuals and families the stability they need and will help attract more workforce to meet the needs of the state's job creators in our growing economy.

In late 2020 and the first half of 2021, the Council on Housing Stability, made up of public officials, state leaders, advocates, businesses, and the public worked to develop a multi-year strategy for housing, identifying areas for additional housing investment, support mechanisms, and the need to address and reduce COVID-driven homelessness. This report will provide much of the strategic direction for this critical need as programs and investments in this area are built out.

Future efforts include housing needs assessments for persons and families at all income levels, including Fair Housing Equity Assessment to identify and describe factors that might be barring people from accessing adequate housing in the region. Better understanding the housing needs for each region is critical in advancing the statewide vision and planning needed to address New Hampshire's affordable housing shortage.

Premium Pay (EC 4)

It is unlikely New Hampshire will use SFRF funding for this purpose; however, if any SFRF funded Premium Pay related programs are planned in the future, they will be included in future reports.

Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)

The State recognizes the critical role that clean drinking water plays in protecting public health. In recognizing this critical importance, a significant allocation of the SFRF funds has been allocated to NH DES to invest in the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure of New Hampshire, helping create an even more resilient system.

Broadband is critical for people to carry out their daily lives. With the shift to remote work and school, the pandemic highlighted the disparity of those living in unserved or underserved areas. Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, dependable access to the internet has been necessary to ensure families and businesses could continue to function, as adults tried to work from home, children tried to attend classes, individuals tried to obtain healthcare, and businesses moved operations entirely online. New Hampshire intends to make initial investments in broadband with the SFRF designed to allow the State to fully operationalize the substantial funding through the Capital Projects Fund, to promote equitable access to reliable internet connectivity across the State.

Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in revenue loss for the State of New Hampshire. Revenue loss figure calculations have been challenging, as the State needs to reconcile the calendar year cycle required by the Treasury with its fiscal year cycle, which ends on June 30th. The State largely intends to use SFRF funds for critical projects and programs to meet acute needs that are described in the Project Inventory as well as any other necessary investments in governmental services not included under other expenditure categories. Projects and programs include IT infrastructure improvements, improvements to state police facilities, and energy assessments.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The State of New Hampshire is committed to ensuring equity through its use of the SFRF. In particular, growing capacity for organizational infrastructure will provide significant improvement in the State's ability to direct support and relief programming in growing communities.

Additional intended uses of the SFRF are still in their foundational stages, but potential efforts include providing critical support to a wide range of programs that establishes a broad and connected network for underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected groups. The State's goal is to ensure information is available and accessible to vulnerable, low-income, and underserved community members to ensure full access to assistance programs. This Recovery Plan will be updated annually to include metrics that advance the State's goals.

Community Engagement

The State of New Hampshire's planned use of funds is intended to support its communities by investing in needed projects and programs. The State's initial allocations, some of which are included in this report, are the direct result of engagement with elected representatives, other stakeholders, and members of the public. The State's community engagement has included efforts such as the Council on Housing Stability, the state Economic Recovery and Expansion Strategy, the Council for Thriving Children, the Governor's mental health working group, and other broad programming plans that have been the subject of significant community engagement.

In continuing transparency efforts used in 2020 with deployment of CARES Act funds, the State will post this performance report on the website for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery (GOFERR) that will contribute to informing iterations of programs that are funded.

Labor Practices

The State of New Hampshire's infrastructure programs funded through the SFRF will utilize a bidding process where appropriate and be performed following New Hampshire's procurement rules and

applicable federal regulations. These practices have produced high-quality infrastructure results for past State projects.

Use of Evidence

New Hampshire utilizes evidence where available and is investing in data capacity and analysis in order to effectively collect program details to track progress in its program planning and execution. Table 1 below includes evidence-based reports developed recently that will help guide New Hampshire's design of programs and projects. The State is still at the foundational stage of many programs and will update this section in future-year Recovery Plans with additional data.

Table 1: New Hampshire Studies with COVID Impact Information

Report Date	Issued By	Title
July 7, 2021	Council on Housing Stability	Three Year Strategic Plan
February 18, 2021	NH DHHS and NHES	Constraints on New Hampshire's Workforce Recovery
June 2021	NHES Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau	Reviving New Hampshire's Workforce
May 24, 2021	NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs	Economic Recovery & Expansion Strategy

Expenses by Expenditure Category

Table 2: 2021 Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency		
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)		
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees		
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$362.97	\$362.97
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	\$23,285,856.39	\$23,285,856.39

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Public Health (EC 1)

Project ID 00FRF602PH4601: DOC Air Handler/Ductwork Replacement¹

Project Expenditure Category: Prevention in Congregate Settings (EC 1.4)

Funding amount: \$2,146,950 has been authorized for this project. New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project, in most cases, is not yet determined. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

These funds will be used for a necessary update to the New Hampshire State Prison for Men through the installation of new air handlers and ductwork to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Currently, the systems need repair and re-building due to their age, as well as to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Each housing unit is approximately 19,500 square feet that will need 18,851 square feet of new ductwork to be installed using the latest American National Standards Institute/American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ANSI/ASHRAE) standards to improve indoor air quality. The funding accounts for the cost of architecture and engineering design, drains, security-controlled access, and mobilization of materials, and equipment.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Project ID 00FRF6020PH14: State Building HVAC Replacement and Maintenance²

Project Expenditure Category: Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that Respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (EC 1.7)

Funding amount: \$24,807,100 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

¹ DOC [FIS 21 137](#)

²DAS [FIS 21 135](#)

Project overview

Many state buildings lack sufficient ventilation in accordance with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers [ASHRAE] recommendations to help with the mitigation of COVID-19. In order to provide safe and adequate workspace for state employees as well as safe public facilities, an investment will be made in ventilation systems to provide the appropriate levels of outdoor (fresh) air to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The work will include improving the State's existing systems as well as installing systems where they do not already exist.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will use these funds to complete the abovementioned deferred maintenance and installation projects. Costs to complete this work will include, but not be limited to, contracted services with vendors, funding three temporary positions, and expenses related to these positions including equipment costs. Staff will provide both grant oversight and project management services. Projects included:

- Supreme Court HVAC Replace and Repair;
- Spaulding HVAC Replace and Controls;
- HVAC Building Maintenance and Repair.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Project ID 00FRF602PH2301: Incident Planning and Operations Center (IPOC)³

Project Expenditure Category: Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that Respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (EC 1.7)

Funding amount: \$750,750 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funds will be used to upgrade the existing end-of-life audio/video controller and display within the State of Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), integrate audio/video technology across all affiliated conference rooms, and upgrade the furniture used during SEOC activations for increased flexibility and efficiency during emergency response activations.

³DOS [FIS 21 145](#)

Current audio/video systems have exceeded useful life and require replacement. Components of the current system have failed several times during the ongoing COVID-19 activation, limiting the information available to Emergency Support Function (ESF) personnel during response coordination. Existing furniture workstations are fixed making collaboration between ESF personnel challenging and greatly limiting the ability to socially distance in the SEOC during the COVID-19 pandemic. Replacing existing workstations with modular furniture will help to mitigate the risks to SEOC operations during the ongoing COVID-19 activation and in any future infectious disease emergency response activation.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH8701: Air Conditioner Replacements⁴](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that Respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (EC 1.7)

Funding amount: \$522,975 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funds will be used to replace eight air conditioning units installed in 1983 at Police Standards and Training Facility, which encompass several training areas, including the Virtra Simulator Lab, Computer Lab, training classrooms, and offices. The replacement of these units with modern efficient units will greatly reduce energy consumption, reduce system maintenance costs, and move the agency towards the goals for reduction of fossil fuel and cost reductions set forth in Executive Order Number 2016-03. This also addresses the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency, as it will improve ventilation and health of the workers and trainees, many of whom are required to reside on campus for part of their training.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH1404: DPW Temporary Capacity Increase⁵](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that Respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (EC 1.7)

Funding amount: \$1,227,396 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

⁴Police Standards and Training Council [FIS 21 144](#)

⁵ DAS FIS [21 207](#)

Project overview

Funds will be used to add additional, temporary staff capacity to the Division of Public Works to work on the significant increase in projects under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In a typical biennium, about \$90 million of Capital Budget funded projects are overseen by the Division of Public Works. Recent authorizations of ARPA funding will likely add at least \$65 million to that total.

Project ID 00FRF602PH9501: Mental Health System Service Improvements⁶

Project Expenditure Category: Mental Health Services (EC 1.10)

Funding amount: \$13,137,051 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funding will be used to aid the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in making rapid, marked improvement relative to access to mental health services in the State of New Hampshire. The funds will provide additional resources for safe, behavioral health treatment, a use specifically identified in the non-exclusive list of uses that address effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The components of this initiative include:

- Psychiatric Long-Term Care & Assisted Living Expansion;
- Expansion of Transitional Housing Scope of Services at the PATH Center;
- Psychiatric Care Expansion for Children; and
- Psychiatric Care Expansion for Adults (Designated Receiving Facilities).

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate. This project in part addresses Governor Chris Sununu's [Executive Order](#) calling for action on the State's mental health related issues and challenges, which also relies upon key data points and COVID-19 related trends. For example, children's referrals for inpatient psychiatry, as well as children's emergency room boarding, grew beyond historical levels during the COVID-19 pandemic; New Hampshire continues to have an increased need for inpatient psychiatry for adults, which is monitored and measured daily; and long-term care and assisted living capacity has been one of New Hampshire Hospital's primary barriers to discharge.

⁶DHHS [FIS 21 139](#)

Project ID 00FRF602PH9502: New Hampshire Hospital Upgrades⁷

Project Expenditure Category: Mental Health Services (EC 1.10)

Funding amount: \$ 7,993,260 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

The Department of Health and Human Services is investing in improving the Mental Health System in New Hampshire. This initiative will provide additional resources for safe, behavioral health treatment:

- New Hampshire Hospital Seclusion Room safety upgrades;
- New Hampshire Hospital renovations, complying with Health and Safety Standards; and
- Lamott roof at Glencliff.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Project ID 00FRF602PH0205: "Choose Love" Bus Tour⁸

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$207,708 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funds will support a "Choose Love" Bus Tour that will visit nine locations around the state to promote student and community mental health recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds will be expended through a sole source sub-award grant to the "Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement" a national 501c (3) organization offering Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs aimed at schools, students and communities, which will be organized locally.

⁷DHHS [FIS 21 140](#)

⁸GOFERR [FIS 21 204](#)

The Choose Love Bus Tour will support the mental health needs of communities, families and children after this extended period of high stress, anxiety, and isolation. Choose Love is social and emotional learning, not just for schools, but for homes, communities, and workplaces as well. This tour will not just be for schools, but for all. One of the areas of focus is Post-Traumatic Growth, to assist in healing and growing through trauma, especially on the heels of COVID-19.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH9505: Bureau of Family Affairs Call Center⁹](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$2,219,102 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funding will provide additional support to the Bureau of Family Affairs call center during the time that the Federal Public Health Emergency comes to an end, the continuous eligibility for Medicaid comes to an end, and DHHS returns to its pre-COVID-19 caseloads, which is expected to result in a significant influx in phone calls to the customer service center as well as increased workloads related to processing redeterminations, collecting required documentation, and new applications.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH0301: American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Cyber Security¹⁰](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$2,086,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and

⁹ DHHS [FIS 21 169](#)

¹⁰ DoIT [FIS 21 141](#)

expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Throughout its COVID-19 response, the State has consistently focused on ensuring the confidentiality and integrity, of critical health information of New Hampshire's citizens. This information is protected by the Department of Information Technology's (DoIT) cybersecurity program. These funds will be used for cybersecurity program enhancements targeted to further increase security by:

- Monitoring and protecting the real-time flow of personal and federally protected health information related to COVID-19 vaccines, vaccination, and public health issues between state systems and cloud-hosted applications;
- Providing positive identity verification and protection from phishing and ransomware attacks by malicious actors who are using the COVID-19 public health emergency as a lure in phishing emails and infected attachments; and
- Expanding our cyber threat analysis capabilities to detect and block malicious cyber activity before it can affect systems that store and protect sensitive personal and public data related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The SFRF funds in support of Cybersecurity will allow the State of New Hampshire to apply the necessary increases in security to further guard against cyber threats, as well as cyber capabilities to further monitor and protect the flow of critical COVID-19 related citizen and public health data.

Project ID 00FRF602PH0302: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Cloud Services¹¹

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$3,449,700 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funding will be used by DoIT to obtain services and tools to design, develop, implement, and provide cloud solutions that will enable and modernize digital government services. Funds are needed to continue and expand functionality and continue support and effective management of the environment, which has become a critical and heavily utilized platform for the state throughout the continuing COVID-19 crisis.

¹¹DoIT [FIS 21 141](#)

This effort has allowed agencies to continue to work effectively during the pandemic due to remote work capability needs to serve its citizens and businesses. These collaboration and cloud services solutions provide flexible and scalable platforms that can adapt to changing business needs and allow the state to react quickly when disasters occur. They also minimize the impact on our state's infrastructure and provide flexibility and enhanced functionality as state agencies expand citizen services. These improvements continue to be needed to respond to the State's IT needs during the COVID-19 public health emergency and the continued reliance of the public on remote communications and access to State services.

Project ID 00FRF602PH0303: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Continuity of Operations¹²

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$871,487 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

This project will address core Information Technology services required to implement cloud-based infrastructure to accommodate DoIT continuity of operation (COOP) and disaster recovery (DR) services. These services will be based on business needs identified during the COVID-19 response and currently being collected and refined under an existing capital appropriation. In essence, this will improve the ability of New Hampshire agencies to support its citizens and businesses during emergency conditions that could potentially disrupt critical services, such as COVID-19.

The ability to run DoIT services from a flexible and scalable cloud platform will provide a more dynamic environment when needed to ensure critical systems and services are available to agencies, citizens, and businesses in the event of a crisis.

This includes providing protection-against unexpected events impacting the delivery of DoIT services provided from the primary data center, enhanced security to defend against attacks on the primary data center such as ransomware and other cybersecurity attacks, the prevention of data loss, and the infrastructure required to provide disaster recovery services in the event the State's primary data center services are unavailable. These improvements continue to be needed to respond to the State's IT needs resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency and the continued reliance of the public on remote communications and access to State services.

¹²DoIT [FIS 21 141](#)

Project ID 00FRF602PH9506: Healthcare Workforce Capacity – Underserved Populations¹³

Project Expenditure Category: Other Public Health Services (EC 1.12)

Funding amount: \$5,000,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funding will be used to expand the current State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), which provides funds to health care professionals working in areas of the state designated as being medically underserved who are willing to commit to a contract with the State for a minimum of three years (or two if part-time). These healthcare professionals work in primary care, which includes medical care, oral health, and behavioral health services. Primary care plays a key role in health promotion and disease prevention, as well as management of ongoing conditions. COVID-19 has taken a heavy toll on primary care and other healthcare teams who have been on the front lines of the pandemic with many suffering from stress, trauma, burnout and increased behavioral health challenges.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

Project ID 00FRF602PH2701: Summer Stipend - Return to Work Bonus Program¹⁴

Project Expenditure Category: Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers (EC 2.6)

Funding amount: \$10,000,000 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$5,000,000 expended as of July 31, 2021 and transferred to New Hampshire Employment Security to facilitate this program. As of August 31, 2021, \$556,000 has been paid out to stipend recipients. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project overview

The purpose of the Summer Stipend Program is to incentivize individuals that were previously collecting unemployment benefits to return to and retain employment.

¹³ DHHS [FIS 21-243](#)

¹⁴ NHES [FIS 21-170](#)

In order to be eligible an individual will need to have been collecting unemployment benefits as of May 18, 2021 or later and then return to either full-time or part-time employment and retain employment for eight (8) weeks. Individuals returning to full-time employment will receive a one-time \$1,000 bonus payment and individuals returning to part-time employment will receive a one-time \$500 bonus payment. The program will be administered through the state's unemployment insurance system as eligible individuals are already registered in that system; thus, they already have system credentials and have also already created a payment process based upon their own preferences.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate. The State took into account unemployment and workforce statistics in developing this project.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH7501: NH Fish & Game Critical Emergency Response Equipment¹⁵](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (EC 2.11)

Funding amount: \$61,887 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funds will be used to address an immediate need through the acquisition of new patrol boats, to provide Conservation Officers the ability to respond to increased calls and increased activity on state waterways by tourists and residents seeking more outdoor activities post COVID-19. These investments will increase Conservation Officers' capacity to:

- Respond to emergencies on lakes, ponds and rivers;
- Participate in water searches and drowning recoveries;
- Participate in safe boating education and enforcement;
- Patrol for hunting and fishing activity; and
- Participate in fish stocking in multiple waterbodies.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH7502: NH Fish & Game Critical Computer Equipment¹⁶](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (EC 2.11)

¹⁵ F&G [FIS 21 201](#)

¹⁶ F&G [FIS 21 202](#)

Funding amount: \$150,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Conservation Officers have the primary responsibility of enforcing all hunting, fishing, and OHRV laws, while also having the full authority to enforce Motor Vehicle and Criminal Codes in the State of New Hampshire. Currently, there are only forty-four Conservation Officers in New Hampshire, which includes those officers in training and assigned to administrative duties.

With the increase of outdoor recreational activities throughout the State, in part due to tourists and residents seeking more outdoor activities post-COVID-19, Conservation Officers have an increased need to have immediate real-time access to registration records, which are currently maintained by the New Hampshire Department of Safety and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Up until recently, this remote access was not available.

Conservation Officers now can access New Hampshire Fish and Game Department data to ensure appropriate action can be taken when addressing possible violations of an administrative rule or Revised Statute Annotated (RSA). These funds will be used to obtain new ruggedized laptops that are portable, while having the ability to also mount in a patrol vehicle, which will provide Conservation Officer's instantaneous access to information relative to a subject or subjects that they encounter in the field.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH3501& 00FRF602WB3501: New Hampshire State Parks¹⁷](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality (EC 2.11)

Funding amount: \$22,654,407 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

The state parks are an essential component of the tourism, hospitality, and travel industries in New Hampshire. Visitors to the state parks also utilize other aspects of the tourism, hospitality, and travel industries. Investments in state parks are designed to ensure facilities are in a condition to be open and providing services to the public, to increase the capacity at campgrounds to meet demand, to

¹⁷DNCR [FIS 21 143](#)

accommodate RV's, and to provide a safe experience for the increasing number of visitors seeking to engage in outdoor activities.

This investment will also directly impact local restaurant and lodging facilities, performing arts venues, and other tourist attractions throughout the state that suffered great financial loss due to COVID-19, by attracting visitors and bolstering the overall economy. Investments include:

- Mt Washington Water System Upgrade;
- Roofing and Repairs;
- Mt Washington Sewage Treatment Plant replacement;
- Sherman Adam Building repair and emergency doors;
- Cannon Mountain Station Sewage Treatment System;
- Franconia Notch, Highway signs and message boards;
- Ft. Stark, General Improvements;
- Rye Harbor, Ragged Neck upgrades;
- Campgrounds;
- Coleman Lodges, Sprinkler system and renovations;
- Bear Brook Camp Renovations; and
- Fire Tower Renovation and Reconstruction.

[Project ID 00FRF602PH2202: Collaborative Economic Development Regions¹⁸](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Aid to Other Impacted Industries (EC 2.12)

Funding amount: \$210,210 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funding will be used by the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to support the development of Collaborative Economic Development Regions (CEDR). CEDRs are defined under the State's Economic Recovery and Expansion Strategy (ERES) and serve as a hub for regional economic development work in four regions around the state. Members include stakeholders, economic development agencies, municipalities, and employers. The ERES is the framework for long-term economic development success, created as part of New Hampshire's plan to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹⁸BEA [FIS 21 200](#)

CEDRs are charged with collaborating with BEA to create or align existing strategies focused on regional economic development, identifying meaningful economic development initiatives and potential solutions, fostering regional and state support, ensuring information exchange on available services delivered to businesses and potential investors, and convening economic development stakeholders through meetings and events to facilitate collaboration.

This strategy and funds will help BEA build a more coordinated approach for sharing ideas on economic development priorities, build better collaboration on high-impact initiatives, and support advocacy for needed services across the state.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Disadvantaged Communities

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will denote what disadvantaged communities are being addressed as appropriate.

Project ID 00FRF602PH2201: Workforce Recruitment Marketing and Outreach¹⁹

Project Expenditure Category: Aid to Other Impacted Industries (EC 2.12)

Funding amount: \$1,003,503 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

This program will be a significant tool in helping employers deal with challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The rise in remote or virtual work arrangements has presented recruitment and retention challenges. For example, healthcare facilities have universal shortfalls in staffing needs, manufacturing companies are finding it difficult to recruit new staff that left either for health or personal reasons, and the hospitality industry is struggling to replace staff that was let go during the peaks of COVID-19 and operational restrictions.

These challenges have placed undue burden on employers. State investment in targeted marketing efforts will be aimed at increasing the labor pool available for high-need business sectors, such as tech, construction, hospitality, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. Programming will allow for targeted data-defined marketing to specific skillsets, demographics, and lifestyles.

¹⁹BEA [FIS 21 199](#)

Those proven assets will be made available as a benefit to employers as a free asset for them to use independently, enable agencies, stakeholders, and/or partners to utilize the resulting strategies and program features as well, and tie in with similar efforts developed by the Collaborative Economic Development Regions (CEDRs).

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3)

Project ID 00FRF602PH2203: Regional Housing Needs Assessment Program²⁰

Project Expenditure Category: Housing Support: Affordable Housing (EC 3.10)

Funding amount: \$1,001,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

This program will provide grants to Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) to complete assessments of the regional needs for housing for persons and families at all levels of income. Each RPC receiving a grant shall also complete a Fair Housing Equity Assessment to identify and describe factors that might be barring people from accessing adequate housing in the region.

This program will provide specific housing needs information for each region served by the nine RPCs. Understanding the housing needs for each region will be critical in advancing the statewide vision and planning needed to solve New Hampshire's housing shortage, including affordable housing, so that adequate housing options to serve the needs and choices of New Hampshire citizens throughout their lifespans are available throughout the state. This program will also support implementation of the State's Council on Housing Stability's Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Disadvantaged Communities

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will denote what disadvantaged communities are being addressed as appropriate.

²⁰ BEA [FIS 21 198](#)

Project ID 00FRF602PH0203: Housing Needs Administration Program²¹

Project Expenditure Category: Housing Support: Affordable Housing (EC 3.10)

Funding amount: \$505,505 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

The Housing Needs Administration Program will advance implementation of the Council on Housing Stability's Strategic Plan by coordinating work across public and private entities, engaging with stakeholders, advancing Council work, and coordinating implementation of the Plan.

Use of Evidence

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will continue to take into account evidence-based interventions or program evaluations as appropriate.

Disadvantaged Communities

As the State of New Hampshire develops projects further, it will denote what disadvantaged communities are being addressed as appropriate.

Infrastructure (EC 5)

Project ID 00FRF602WB4401: Drinking Water, Wastewater Infrastructure, and Staffing²²

Funding amount: \$50,000,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project Expenditure Category: Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)²³

²¹ GOFERR [FIS 21 203](#)

²² DES [FIS 21 138](#)

²³ Further breakdown into the Expenditure Categories presented in Appendix 1 of the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) Document will take place when specific water and sewer projects are developed.

Project overview

The State recognizes the critical role that clean drinking water plays in protecting public health. Given that, a significant amount of the SFRF funds have been allocated to NH DES to invest in the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure of New Hampshire.

This initial appropriation will both allow NH DES to stand up the program by having the necessary staff in place to manage the infrastructure program and begin to award substantial grant funding. Current staffing resources are not sufficient to deal with these additional responsibilities given the magnitude of the funds being awarded for major drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, as grants, loans, and contracts and extensive financial and compliance monitoring being placed on NH DES to comply with federal transparency requirements.

Some of these funds will be allocated to the Fish & Game Department to enable these agencies to work collaboratively with NHDES to achieve the primary goal of facilitating necessary water and sewer infrastructure improvements by providing support to help ensure timely processing of statutorily required protected threatened and endangered species consultations for associated land resource management permits.

This project is not related to climate change efforts.

[Project ID 00FRF602WB4401B & Project ID 00FRF602WB7501: Alteration of Terrain \(AOT\) Permit Review and Temporary Positions](#)^{24 25}

Project Expenditure Category: Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)²⁶

Funding amount: \$722,139 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Part of the process for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects requires review of alteration of terrain permit (AOT) or wetlands applications submitted to NH DES by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) for impact on protected wildlife. NHFGD will use these funds to hire temporary full time staff members to help ensure timely performance of consultations and review of permit applications for protected wildlife by NHFGD for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects.

²⁴ F&G [FIS 21 156](#)

²⁵ F&G [FIS 21 197](#)

²⁶ Further breakdown into the Expenditure Categories presented in Appendix 1 of the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) Document will take place when specific water and sewer projects are developed.

This support is in response to the increased administrative load to NHFGD that Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects funded by SFRF will require.

This project is not related to climate change efforts.

[Project ID 00FRF602WB2201: Broadband Infrastructure²⁷](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Broadband: Other Projects (EC 5.17)

Funding amount: \$659,734 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Broadband is critical for people to carry out their daily lives. The pandemic highlighted the disparity of those living in unserved or underserved areas. Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, dependable access to the internet has been necessary to ensure individuals, families, and businesses can work from home as needed, attend classes online, obtain healthcare online, move business operations online, and more. New Hampshire intends to make initial investments in broadband with the SFRF designed to allow the State to fully operationalize the substantial funding through the Capital Projects Fund, to promote equitable access to reliable internet connectivity across the State.

In order to meet federal requirements for program design, implementation and compliance, BEA will use these funds to hire a staff of three who will be tasked with both fulfilling the objectives of the program and the necessary extensive reporting requirements of the grant. Staff will design and implement the broadband infrastructure program with contractors, state, municipal, and community partners.

This project is not related to climate change efforts.

[Revenue Loss \(EC 6\)](#)

[Project ID 00FRF602GS2301: School Physical Security Assessments²⁸](#)

Project Expenditure Category: Provision of Government Services (EC 6.1)

²⁷ BEA [FIS 21 136](#)

²⁸ DOS [FIS 21 145](#)

Funding amount: \$170,480 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

Funds will be used to support the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) School Preparedness Program, which is responsible for conducting physical security assessments for kindergarten through grade 12 public (including charter) and non-public (non-boarding) schools in New Hampshire.

All New Hampshire schools have had at least one physical security assessment, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, there were no reassessments conducted during the last school year, creating a backlog. Funds will be used to hire two part-time Field Representative II positions to conduct school emergency operations plan reviews and physical security assessments to address these gaps and continue the cycle of reviewing school Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) to align with the Department of Education's school approval cycle of approximately 120 schools per year and 3-year security reassessment cycle.

Project ID 00FRF602GS8701: Range Ventilation and Filtration ²⁹

Project Expenditure Category: Provision of Government Services (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$935,850 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

The Police Standards and Training facility is used to train all full-time and part-time law enforcement and state corrections academy recruits, along with several in-service firearms courses and re-certifications annually. The ventilation system must work at peak effectiveness, as it is a life/safety device that removes dangerous and toxic particles from the air during firearms training with live ammunition. Due to its continuous usage over 28 years, the system needs updating.

²⁹Police Standards and Training Council [FIS 21 144](#)

Project ID 00FRF602GS0301: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Critical IT Infrastructure³⁰

Project Expenditure Category: Provision of Government Services (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$23,600,000 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$14,186,701.09 obligated as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project overview

This initiative consists of multiple components to address Core IT infrastructure modernization that will enhance security and monitoring capabilities, allows for rapid infrastructure expansion to address capacity and business needs that have been challenging during COVID-19, while providing added protection of State and citizen information. The components of this initiative include:

- Network Continuity;
- DoIT DR/COOP;
- Backup; and
- Storage.

Project ID 00FRF602GS2001: Temporary Staff for Criminal Investigation³¹

Project Expenditure Category: Revenue Loss (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$1,429,178 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$44.89 expended as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project overview

The Department of Justice will utilize American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to assist in the investigation and prosecution of the criminal acts that are alleged to have occurred at the Youth Detention Center (YDC). The Department will hire four temporary attorneys, one temporary paralegal, and one temporary legal assistant to assist in interviewing alleged victims, investigating and prosecuting alleged perpetrators, document review and other casework, and any other tasks necessary to support the Department's efforts with respect to YDC.

The investigation and prosecution of the alleged criminal acts at the YDC is likely to be the largest single criminal investigation in the history of the State. The work associated with these efforts presents the Department with a significant but one time need for new temporary staff.

³⁰DoIT [FIS 21 141](#)

³¹ DOJ [FIS 21 142](#)

Project ID 00FRF602GS5201: Offshore Wind Assessment³²

Project Expenditure Category: Provision of Government Services (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$250,000 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project overview

The state is funding an impacts assessment study on deployment of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. The assessment will look at three areas:

- Economic Impacts;
- Energy Impacts; and
- Environmental Impacts.

This will provide elected officials, policymakers, stakeholders, and the public at large with the necessary information to evaluate economic development opportunities, potential environmental impacts, and offshore wind impacts to New Hampshire's future energy needs.

The Department of Energy will be using a transparent process, with opportunities for public input, to develop the request for proposals (RFP) for the assessment, including the Commission hosting a public hearing on what the scope of the RFP should be.

Project ID 00FRF602GS0201: Expanding and Modernizing Technology Related Programming³³

Project Expenditure Category: Provision of Government Services (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$2,550,000 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$2,550,000 obligated as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project overview

This project will expand, enhance, and modernize engineering technology related programming designed to equip graduates with skills for careers in the regional economy, including through short-term training and degree programs. This helps meet an acute and endemic workforce need in the advanced manufacturing sector and can help re-employ workers in high-need areas.

³² DOE [FIS 21 196](#)

³³ GOFERR [FIS 21 146](#)

Project ID 00FRF602GS2002: Subgrants for Covid-19 Safety Response³⁴

Project Expenditure Category: Revenue Loss (EC 6.1)

Funding amount: \$2,000,000 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$318.08 expended as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project overview

Due to relaxed COVID-19 rules and restrictions and increased post-pandemic demand for travel, hospitality, tourism, and other services, it is expected that the State will see a heavy influx of resident and tourist activity. Although this is a very welcome change, it also poses a challenge to state agencies and municipalities in managing large groups of people and dealing with increases in tourist and other activities that may lead to unrest or other security challenges. Subgrants may include, but not be limited to, paying for safety items, funding overtime for local police departments, and increasing personnel resources.

Administrative (EC 7)

Project ID 00FRF602PH0202Z: GOFERR Budget³⁵

Project Expenditure Category: Administrative Expenses (EC 7.1)

Funding amount: \$7,707,237 has been authorized for this project. However, New Hampshire is in the foundational stage of launching programs with SFRF funding, and the exact amount to be obligated and expended per project in most cases is not determined yet. As such, funding figures with regard to obligations or expenditures for this project and others will be updated over time. Please refer to the Expenditure Table above for any obligations and expenditures as of July 31, 2021.

Project Overview

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) will use these funds to exercise its role focused on creating and overseeing programs, facilitating transparency efforts, tracking federal funds, and engaging in required federal reporting on funds received and expended by the state. Any budgets created and approved for expenditure of these funds are obligated to abide by federal standards and requirements.

³⁴ DOJ [FIS 21 168](#)

³⁵ GOFERR [FIS 21 172](#)

Project ID 00FRF602PH0201Z: Guidehouse Inc. Contract³⁶

Project Expenditure Category: Administrative Expenses (EC 7.1)

Funding amount: \$3,646,000 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$3,500,000 obligated as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports.

Project Overview

The State of New Hampshire has contracted with Guidehouse Inc. for general assistance and guidance to local communities (non-entitlement units) as part of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund distributions and other consultation services to assist GOFERR with ongoing work relevant to administration, deployment, and compliance matters relevant to American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Project ID 00FRF6030201AP: Transfers to Non-entitlement Units³⁷

Project Expenditure Category: Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (EC 7.4)

Funding amount: \$56,104,387 in funding has been authorized for this project, with \$23,285,856.39 expended as of July 31, 2021. Funding figures will be updated over time and as required by future reports. However, as of August 31, 2021, all Non-entitlement Unit (NEU) funding has been delivered to every requesting NEU.

Project Overview

The State of New Hampshire is required by federal law to receive and distribute Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) made available under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to eligible units of local government, referred to as non-entitlement units (NEUs). As determined by federal requirements, as of August 31, 2021, the State has distributed all of these funds in accordance with the time requirements set forth in ARPA.

This includes all municipalities except for Dover, Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, and Rochester, which will receive separate FRF allocations directly from U.S. Treasury as metropolitan cities. New Hampshire counties will also receive direct allocations from U.S. Treasury. The LFRF does not separately include funding for village districts or precincts.

³⁶ GOFERR FIS 21 146 and [G&C Item # 64](#)

³⁷ GOFERR [FIS 21 172](#)

Ineligible Activities: Tax Offset Provision (States and territories only)

For the initial reporting year, States and territories will report the following items related to the Tax Offset Provision 31 CFR 35.8. Baseline revenue or revenue-increasing covered charges are not required at this time.

Item	Amount
a. Revenue-reducing Covered Changes	\$0

See Section C (11) on page 28 of the Reporting Guidance for additional information.

NOTE: The State of New Hampshire did experience tax-reducing activity, and the State will work through details of calculations as more data is available and the final U.S. Treasury rule is released or pending litigation on this issue is resolved.

Although revenue reducing covered changes are possible in future reporting periods, only one tax change relative to tax forgiveness of PPP loans took effect during the reporting period through July 31, 2021.

However, as this tax change is in an effort to conform with federal tax rules and changes, [it is exempt from this offset requirement](#).