



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

May 28, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Request for 100% Cost Share

Dear Mr. President:

The State of New Hampshire, on April 11, 2020, requested the Federal cost-share for emergency work and Direct Federal Assistance costs incurred under FEMA-DR-4516-NH to be increased from a 75% Federal cost share to a 100% Federal cost-share. The request was made in accordance with 44 CFR § 206.47 (d) and Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act and is warranted due to the severity and magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, we have heard from the FEMA Region I Administrator, Captain Russell Webster that FEMA is considering the request and will get back to us with a determination at an unspecified date.

The uncertainty revolving around the Federal cost share is causing the State difficulties as we assist our communities with navigating the multitude of assistance programs. As we attempt to ensure disaster-related expenses are appropriately charged to FEMA, we are finding that applicants are shifting to CARES money or other funding sources that reimburse at the 100% level.

The 75% cost share is creating significant extra work and confusion with applicants, which is requiring the state to conduct numerous conference calls, field hundreds of additional questions and will create a large amount of rework. The oversight of funding sources has now become far more burdensome than it should be.

Approving the request for 100% FEMA funding will allow the State to apply increased oversight and direct the applicants to the most appropriate funding source for assistance. This approval would streamline an already challenging bureaucratic process and allow our applicants to receive the help they so desperately need.

Thank you for your consideration of this Cost Share Increase for FEMA-DR-4516-NH. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor