

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

December 15, 2025

OIG-CA-26-009

Mr. Thomas Broderick Deputy Director State of New Hampshire 25 Capitol St Rm 121 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Final Determination on Corrective Actions for Desk Review of the State of New Hampshire's Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund Proceeds (OIG-CA-25-021)

Dear Mr. Broderick:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act),¹ established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated \$150 billion for making payments to states, District of Columbia, local, territorial, and tribal government entities. CRF recipients may use the CRF award funds to cover costs that:

- 1. were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- 2. were not accounted for in the government's budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- 3. were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2021, for states, local governments, and territories. In the case of tribal governments, were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, and ended on December 31, 2022 (covered period).

Under a contract monitored by our office, a certified independent public accounting firm (IPA) performed a desk review to evaluate New Hampshire's documentation supporting its uses of CRF proceeds as reported in the GrantSolutions² portal. In the desk review memorandum,³ the IPA identified total questioned costs of \$16,424,839. In the "grants greater than or equal to \$50,000" category, the IPA identified ineligible costs of \$2,397,551 related to prepaid subscriptions expenses incurred after the covered period. Also, in the "direct payments greater than or equal to \$50,000" category, the IPA identified unsupported costs of \$14,027,288 related to grants awarded to six subrecipients.

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¹ P.L. 116-136 (March 27, 2020)

GrantSolutions, a grant and program management Federal shared service provider under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, developed a customized and userfriendly reporting solution to capture the use of CRF payments from prime recipients.

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In April 2025, we contacted New Hampshire requesting the state to provide supporting documentation for the questioned costs. In May and July 2025, New Hampshire provided adequate supporting documentation for the \$16,424,839 questioned costs. As such, New Hampshire's corrective actions addressed the questioned costs identified in the desk review.

We appreciate the courtesies and cooperation provided to our staff during the desk review follow-up. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (202) 927-5792, or a member of your staff may contact Olivia Scott, Acting Audit Director, at (202) 927-9635.

Sincerely,

/s/

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