

APPROVED

OCT 28 2020

BY GOVERNOR

State of Maine
Executive Department
FINANCIAL ORDER

Covid-related (CV)

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10/28/20

ORDERED,

That the State Controller increase allotment in account 013-10A-0143-19, CARES Federal Project Grants - COVID, by \$74,083 in the Capital Expenditures line category for the purpose of a purchasing a biosafety cabinet for the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory and a KingFisher flex nucleic acid extractor platform to test for COVID-19; and,

Be it further ordered,
that the State Controller authorize the expenditure in accordance with the attached "Revision of the Work Program for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021", for which this shall be our sufficient warrant.

Statement of Fact

This financial order provides funding to purchase a biosafety cabinet (BSC) for the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. The existing piece of lab equipment is used for the extraction of viral Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and Ribonucleic acid (RNA) from human clinical specimens and is also the lab's primary COVID-19 extraction BSC. The current BSC is ~20 years old and failed testing during a routine inspection on October 14, 2020. There are no parts available to replace the motor. This is an extreme emergency as the capacity for COVID-19 testing inside the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory could drop close to zero depending on the volume of testing needed for other diseases such as Influenza, Tuberculosis, or Bioterrorism. The funding will also be used for a KingFisher flex nucleic acid extractor platform to test for COVID-19. This instrument tests COVID-19 samples but can also be used to test for other infectious diseases, such as influenza. Funding comes from Maine's 2019 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Diseases Application grant, a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant.

See Attached Email

Signature of Department Head

BENJAMIN MANN, DEP. COMM. OF FINANCE

Name and Title

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Signature of State Budget Officer

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