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Section 1.2 of Session Law 2020-97, which added a new Section 114e to Section 3.3 to Session Law 2020-4 (as amended by Section 3 of Session Law 2020-32, Section 4 of Session Law 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of Session Law 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of Session Law 2020-88, and Section 4.9(a) of Session Law 2020-91), allocated \$5,750,000 to the North Carolina Senior Living Association (NCSLA) to be used for the following materials for our member facilities:

- *COVID-19 related supplies and equipment necessary for life safety, health, and sanitation, such as ventilators, touch-free thermometers, gowns, disinfectant, and sanitizing wipes.*
- *Personal protective equipment, such as surgical and respiratory masks and gloves, that meets Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standards and guidelines.*

This provision further required NCSLA to submit a report on our use of these funds by February 1, 2021. Please allow this letter to constitute that required report.

Following the enactment of S.L. 2020-97, the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) prepared, and both it and NCSLA executed, Grant 114-06. The North Carolina Senior Living Association gathered information from our members about the types of equipment this grant could pay for that would be most needed. What we learned is that adult care homes and family care homes needed a variety of PPE such as infrared thermometers, hand sanitizer, ready to use disinfectant and medical grade gloves. Since NCSLA had already purchased and shipped masks and gowns to providers by using funds allocated pursuant to S.L. 2020-04 and, as noted below, the North Carolina Assisted Living Association was purchasing additional masks and gowns with its allocation from S.L. 2020-97, the decision was made not to purchase more of this type of personal protective equipment.

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collaboration and member data survey analysis, decided that NCALA would use the \$5,750,000 to purchase gowns and masks and the NCSLA would purchase the other required COVID-19 related supplies and equipment.

After, collaboration with the North Carolina Assisted Living Association and making the decision that the \$5,750,000 grant money awarded by Session Law 2020-97 to North Carolina Senior Living Association would be used to purchase infrared thermometers, hand sanitizer, ready to use disinfectant and medical grade gloves, the NCSLA entered into an agreement with a variety of suppliers and vendors for the purchase and distribution of the supplies including:

- XS Supply – handheld infrared thermometers;
- Illuminovo – wall mount infrared thermometers;
- Webb Chemical – ready to use disinfectant;
- Handle Global – hand sanitizer; and
- TNG Diagnostics – nitrile medical grade gloves.

In order to receive grant funds, member facilities had to have a current Family Care Home or Adult Care Home license. The NCSLA identified 1105 member facilities that met this licensure requirement. Of the \$5,750,000 grant, \$5,508,156 has been paid to Handle Global for the purchase of gowns and masks.

Currently, NCSLA has approximately \$200,000 unspent for this grant. NCSLA's leadership is evaluating the best uses for the remaining funds less any allowed administrative expenses.

On behalf of North Carolina's adult care and family care homes, thank you for the support provided by this grant. If we can answer any questions or provide any additional information on the topics covered herein, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Horton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Horton, Executive Director

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (via email)
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