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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, 2022. 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 and other items related to COVID-19.

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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 medical gloves, wall mount infrared thermometers, ready to use disinfectant and hand sanitizer, NCSLA entered into agreements with four different vendors in order to secure the best price and quality of items purchased. These vendors included TNG Diagnostics for the medical gloves, Illuminovo (a North Carolina based company) for the wall mount infrared thermometers, Webb Chemical (a North Carolina based company) for the ready to use disinfectant, and Handle Global for the purchase of the hand sanitizer.

In order to receive grant funds, member facilities had to have a current Family Care Home or Adult Care Home license. NCSLA identified 1105 member facilities that met this licensure requirement. Of the \$5,750,000 grant, \$4,071,225 was paid to TNG Diagnostics for the purchase of medical gloves, \$231,660 was paid to Illuminovo for wall mount thermometers, \$644,184 was paid to Webb Chemical for ready to use disinfectant, and \$334,918 was paid to Handle Global for hand sanitizer. In order to gain efficiencies, funds were also used to pay Guardian Logistics (a shipping and logistics company based in North Carolina) for assembling, shipping and delivery confirmation for items purchased by both NCSLA and NCALA.

Working together with NCALA, NCSLA completed the distribution of PPE to member facilities by the summer of 2021 and returned unspent funds of \$7,266.34 before the end of 2021 to the Office of State Budget and Management.

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,

/s/ Jeff Horton

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