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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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August 30, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**Subject:** Submission of report required under Chapter 346:2 IV of the Laws of 2022

**Background:**

September 15, 2022, the General Court passed and Governor Christopher Sununu signed HB 2023, which charged the Department of Energy with implementing a State Emergency Fuel Assistance Program and a Supplemental Electric Assistance Program. Benefits were set in law at \$450 for the Emergency Fuel Assistance Program benefit and \$200 for the Supplemental Electric Assistance Program benefit. The eligible population for this program was those households with income greater than 60% of state median income and at or below 75% of state median income. The Department contracted with the state's five Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to conduct outreach, income verification, enrollment, and benefit payments to eligible households.

**Legislative Charge:**

Chapter 346:2 IV of the Laws of 2022 requires that "On or before 60 days after the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the department shall report to the fiscal committee of the general court and governor and executive council, the amount of moneys paid under this act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023"

**Moneys Paid under Chapter 346:2 IV (2022):**

The amount of moneys paid under this act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 totaled \$2,263,603.48.

Respectfully submitted,

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