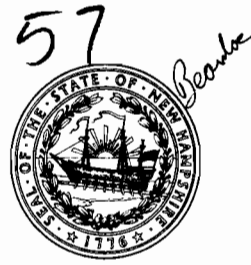




The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

August 21, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to amend an existing landfill closure grant with the Town of Auburn, NH (VC #177355 B001), by increasing the eligible amount of the grant by \$27,372 from \$225,213 to \$252,585 and to award the additional grant aid funds, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2014</u>
03-44-44-444440-5402-073-500580	\$27,372
Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Program, Grants-Non Federal	

EXPLANATION

The additional grant funds being requested are part of an unlined landfill closure grant program that provides a 20% contribution to aid municipalities in closing their unlined landfills. Additional eligible costs consist of engineering design and construction elements. The state will reimburse the Town of Auburn for 20% of the eligible costs incurred during the closure of its landfill.

In November 2008, funding for new state aid grants, including landfill closure grants, was eliminated as part of a cost reduction package to address significant state revenue shortfalls. All applications that were submitted and had not yet been approved by Governor and Executive Council or were submitted after November 2008 were placed on a list, which was referred to as the "Delayed and Deferred List." There were 8 landfill closure projects on the list. The landfill closure project on this request is one of those projects.

An initial landfill closure grant in the amount of \$225,213 was approved by Governor and Executive Council on October 20, 2004 and paid to the Town of Auburn on November 18, 2004. The Town of Auburn supplied additional documentation to support this grant on July 6, 2007 and review of this documentation revealed more landfill closure costs that are grant eligible. These costs total \$139,077, of which \$136,862 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate, the Town of Auburn is eligible to receive the full amount requested, or \$27,372, which will be paid in a single lump sum.

Additional information regarding this grant project is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas S. Burack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

LANDFILL CLOSURE GRANTS
(03-44-44-444440-5402-073)

The effect of this request on appropriated funds is shown below:

Fiscal Year	<u>2014</u>
Appropriation	\$1,137,106
Payments made to date	\$282,303
Scheduled Payments Remaining	<u>\$553,286</u>
Balance Available	\$301,517
Less: Payment on this request:	
L-125 Auburn C&D Landfill	<u>\$27,372</u>
Balance Available	\$274,145

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval to amend a State Aid Grant for landfill closure under RSA 149-M.

Facility Name: Auburn Unlined C&D Landfill

State Grant Number: L-125

Project: Additional closure costs for the Town of Auburn's Unlined C&D Landfill located on Chester Turnpike in Auburn, NH. (Permit #NONE, Site #199002015)

Description: Town of Auburn's additional costs related to the closure of the Auburn Unlined C&D Municipal Landfill.

Auburn's Total Project Cost: \$1,262,926

Auburn's Additional Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$136,862

Completed: Summer 2006

Grant Award: \$27,372