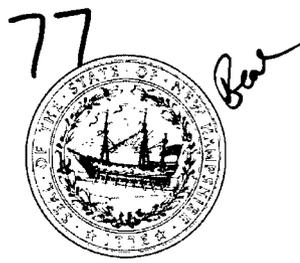




The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

September 10, 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 award grant aid funds, under the provisions of RSA 149-M, to the City of Nashua, NH, (VC #177441 B006), totaling \$398,042 for the closure of Phase II, Part II of the City of Nashua's Four Hills Unlined Landfill, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>After FY 2015</u>
03-44-44-444440-5402-073-500580	\$24,288	\$24,366	\$349,388
Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Program, Grants-Non Federal			

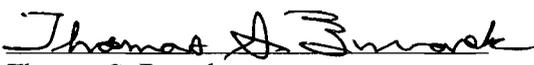
EXPLANATION

The grant being requested is part of an unlined landfill closure grant program that provides a 20% reimbursement of eligible spent costs to aid municipalities in closing their landfills. Eligible costs consist of engineering design and construction elements. Over a 20 year period, the state will reimburse the City of Nashua for 20% of the eligible costs incurred during the closure of their landfill plus a proportionate share of interest on any borrowing.

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.

The City of Nashua applied for a landfill closure grant in the amount of \$398,042 which included eligible cost reimbursements and accrued and amortized interest. The City has spent \$1,578,248 on its closure project, of which \$1,556,519 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate and accounting for eligible interest, the City of Nashua is eligible to receive the \$398,042 requested. This corresponds to \$311,304 in eligible cost reimbursements and \$86,738 in accrued and amortized interest that will be paid over 20 years. Additional information regarding this grant project is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.


 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	\$356,167
Scheduled Payments Remaining	<u>\$479,422</u>
Balance Available	\$301,517
Less: Payment on this request:	
L-151 Nashua 4 Hills Unlined Landfill - Phase II, Part II	<u>\$24,288</u>
Balance Available	\$277,229

EXHIBIT A

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

Facility Name: Nashua 4 Hills Unlined Landfill - Phase II

State Grant Number: L-151

Project: Closure of Phase II, Part II of the City of Nashua's Four Hills Unlined Municipal Landfill located on West Hollis Street in Nashua, NH. (Permit #DES-SW-TP-96-012, Site #NONE)

Description: Costs to close Phase II, Part II of the City of Nashua's Four Hills Unlined Municipal Landfill.

Nashua's Total Project Cost: \$1,578,248

Nashua's Grant Eligible Project Cost: \$1,556,519

Completed: Summer 2005

Grant Award: \$398,042

Payment Term: 20 years