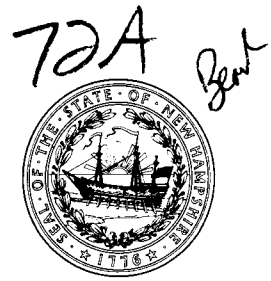




The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

November 21, 2014

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 486, to the following four entities in the aggregate amount of \$5,726,857 for wastewater facility projects, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
Bristol, Town of	177367 B001	\$283,669
Peterborough, Town of	177459 B003	\$5,178,230
Exeter, Town of	177386 B001	\$62,914
Manchester, City of	177433 B004	\$202,044

Funding is available in the account as follows:

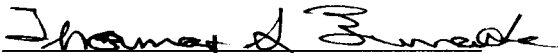
	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>After FY 2015</u>
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	\$545,485	\$5,181,372
Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants-Non Federal		

EXPLANATION

The funds being requested are part of a wastewater state aid grant (SAG) program that provides financial assistance in the form of grants to NH communities to off-set the eligible costs of planning, engineering design, and construction costs of certain sewage disposal facilities. Over the term of the debt service, which will range from 5 to 30 years, the state will reimburse the entities for 20% to 30% of the eligible costs incurred during the design and construction of the wastewater facilities plus a proportionate share of interest on borrowing for the project. In addition, some project costs qualify for an additional 10-30% SAG ("SAG Plus") for components related to septage and sludge handling and treatment facilities.

In November 2008 funding for new state aid grants, including wastewater facility grants, was postponed as part of a cost reduction measure to address significant state revenue shortfalls. A total of 103 applications for wastewater facility grants were affected. These projects were placed on a "Delayed and Deferred" list until funding was available. Funds for Delayed and Deferred wastewater facility grants were appropriated in the state's Operating Budget for fiscal years 2014-2015. The wastewater facility grants in this request represent 4 of the Delayed and Deferred projects. Additional information regarding these projects is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.


 Thomas S. Burack
 Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WATER DIVISION – WASTEWATER ENGINEERING BUREAU

STATE AID GRANTS
(03-44-44-442010-1003-073)

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

	<u>2015</u>
FY 2015 Appropriation	\$7,006,698
Plus Carryover From FY 14	<u>\$1,004,066</u>
Total Available for Payments in FY 2015	\$8,010,764
Less: Scheduled Payments	<u>\$6,011,601</u>
Balance Available	\$1,999,163
Less: Current Request	
C-854 Bristol - WWTF Improvements, Contract 2	\$36,258
C-855 Peterborough - WWTF Upgrade	\$453,801
C-856 Exeter - Meadowood Gravity Sewer	\$12,582
C-857 Manchester - Phase II Long Term Control Plan	<u>\$42,844</u>
Total	\$545,485
Balance Available	\$1,453,678

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for sewage disposal facilities under RSA 486.

Municipality: Bristol, NH

State Grant Number: C-854

Project: Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, Contract 2

Description: Design and construction for extension of the Town's existing sewer collection system to the Newfound Lake Area and related wastewater facilities improvements including installation of fine mechanical screen for solid handling.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,418,347

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$283,699)

Grant Term: 30 years

Application Received: 6/28/2012

EXHIBIT A (Cont.)

Municipality: Peterborough, NH

State Grant Number: C-855

Project: Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Description: Design and construction for upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility from lagoons to advanced biological treatment for removal of phosphorus.

SAG Eligible Project Costs: \$14,308,311

SAG Plus Eligible Project Costs: \$9,652,366

Grant Award:	TOTAL:	\$5,178,230
	SAG:	20% of eligible costs (\$2,861,662)
	SAG Plus:	24% of eligible costs (\$2,316,568)

Grant Term: 30 years

Application Received: 7/17/2012

EXHIBIT A (Cont.)

Municipality: Exeter, NH

State Grant Number: C-856

Project: Meadowood Gravity Sewers

Description: Design and construction of a gravity wastewater sewer to service the Meadowood area within the Town of Exeter.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$314,572

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$62,914)

Grant Term: 5 years

Application Received: 12/19/2008

EXHIBIT A (Cont.)

Municipality: Manchester, NH

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State Grant Number: C-857

Project: Phase II Long Term Control Plan

Description: Study to develop alternatives that address remaining (Phase II) combined sewer overflows and their impacts to the Merrimack River.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,010,219

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$202,044)

Grant Term: 10 years

Application Received: 1/11/2012