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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

July 1, 2019  
Bureau of Aeronautics

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accept and expend prior year carry-forward funds in the amount of \$175,000 to fund the Airport Improvement and Maintenance (AIM) Program as prescribed by State statute effective upon the date of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2019. 100% Agency Income – Aircraft Toll (Fuel Fees).

In SFY 2020, funds shall be accepted and expended within 04-096-096-964010-2029 – Airway Toll Fund, as follows:

04-096-096-964010-2029	Current Budget FY2020	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2020
<b>Airway Toll Fund (Fuel)</b>			
<b>Expenses:</b>			
073-500581 Grants-Non Federal	\$56,250	\$175,000	\$231,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,250</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$231,250</b>

<b>Source of Funds</b>			
<b>Revenue:</b>			
006-407545 Aircraft Toll (Fuel Fee)	\$56,250	\$175,000	\$231,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,250</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$231,250</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department collected \$467,340 in revenue from the Aeronautics Airway Toll (fuel fees) in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. In accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA’s) Final Rule (Federal Register/Vo. 64, No. 30 7696) on policy and procedures concerning the use of airport revenue, all aviation revenue collected by the state must be deposited into a dedicated account to be used for aviation programs. Per RSA: 422:34, all Airway Toll fees collected are credited to the Department and shall not lapse. The funding is used to provide funding to the 25 open-to-the-public airports in the state for the Airport Improvement and Maintenance (AIM)

Program. This aviation program provides an 80% matching share for eligible airport improvement capital and maintenance programs to ensure safe operations at the airports. The airport sponsor provides a 20% matching share to complete the project.

**Listed below are answers to standard questions required of all Fiscal Committee item requests, related to RSA 9:16-a, "Transfers authorized", RSA 14:30-a, VI "Expenditure of funds over \$100,000 from any Non State Source", or RSA 124:15, "Positions Authorized", or both, and all emergency requests pursuant to " Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, making temporary appropriations for the expenses and encumbrances of the State of New Hampshire":**

1. Is the action required of this request a result of the Continuing Resolution for FY 2020?

No, this request is to appropriate previously received revenue. Per RSA, the funds are not continually appropriated, therefore we need to appropriate the prior year revenue received to enter into grant agreements with the airports and disburse funds.

2. If this request is retroactive what is the significance and importance of the action being effective from an earlier date?

This is not a retroactive item.

3. Is this a previously funded and ongoing program established through Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council action? (If so, include as an attachment the original documents as approved and cite the specific dates of authorization and end dates for each action as part of your answer to this question.)

No, this is a legislated program in RSA 422:34.

4. Was funding for this program included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget or requested and denied?

Funding was included in FY 2018-2019 budget.

5. Is this program in total or in part, included in the vetoed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal currently pending for your department, or was it requested and denied?

The program is included in the FY 2020-2021 proposed budget.

6. Does this program include, either positions or consultants, and if so are the positions filled, vacant, or have offers pending? (Please provide details for each position and note whether consultant contracts have been awarded.)

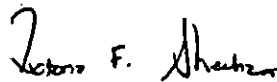
This program does not include consultants or positions.

7. What would be the effect should this program be discontinued or not initiated as a result of this request being denied?

The Department would be unable to fund the Airport Improvement and Maintenance (AIM) Program and the airports that have requested grant funds would not be able to move forward with their projects. This will cause delays for much needed safety and maintenance repairs that are needed at airports across the State.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan  
Commissioner

Attachment(s)

**Department of Transportation**  
**FISCAL SITUATION FISCAL YEAR 2020**  
**04-096-096-964010-2029**

Airway Toll Fund (Fuel)	
Estimated revenue budgeted:	\$ 56,250
Prior year carryforward revenue (SFY 2019):	\$ 467,340
Additional non-budgeted revenue:	<u>\$ -</u>
Amount available to budget:	\$ 523,590
Less current FY20 budget authorization:	<u>\$ 56,250</u>
Total available for budgeting:	\$ 467,340
Amount to be budgeted this request:	<u>\$ 175,000</u>
Amount available to budget with future requests:	<u>\$ 292,340</u>

Source of Non-Budgeted Revenue	Amount	Expenses through 7/1/2019	Balance
Agency Income 006-407545	\$ 467,340	\$ -	\$ 467,340
Totals	<u>\$ 467,340</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 467,340</u>

Amounts from Statement of Appropriations for AU 2029 Dated 7/1/2019