



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION
BUREAU of TRAILS

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to exceed the 3/12 limitation of said resolution for the accounts listed on the attached analysis, in the total amount of \$1,071,944 for the Grant in Aid Program dedicated fund, to the extent shown as projected deficits for the period of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2019.
100% Other Funds

03-35-35-351510-34840000					
Grants In Aid Equip - Snow					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other Agency	484975	(67,288)	(392,060)	(459,348)
Totals:			(67,288)	(392,060)	(459,348)
Expense					
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	67,288	392,060	459,348
Totals:			67,288	392,060	459,348

03-35-35-351510-34860000					
Grants In Aid - Wheeled					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other Agency	484975	(168,269)	(444,313)	(612,582)
Totals:			(168,269)	(444,313)	(612,582)
Expense					
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	168,269	444,313	612,582
Totals:			168,269	444,313	612,582

03-35-35-351510-34880000					
Grants In Aid Equip - Wheeled					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other agency	484975	(38,963)	(18,571)	(57,534)
Totals:			(38,963)	(18,571)	(57,534)
Expense					
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	38,963	18,571	57,534
Totals:			38,963	18,571	57,534

03-35-35-351510-35560000					
Grants In Aid - Snow					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other agency	484975	(479,741)	(217,000)	(696,741)
009	Agency Income	406654	(44,100)		(44,100)
Totals:			(523,841)	(217,000)	(740,841)
Expense					
020	Current Expenses	500200	12,500		12,500
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	511,341	217,000	728,341
Totals:			523,841	217,000	740,841

EXPLANATION

This request is due to the Continuing Resolution (CR). The Department estimates shortfalls in the Bureau of Trails Grant in Aid program accounting units affecting the Department's ability to complete seasonal trails maintenance needed for the OHRV trail network and priority projects that need to be completed prior to the start of the 2020 winter snowmobile season. The accounts listed in the above tables represent the amounts for grant agreements that were approved prior to the continuing resolution. These agreements are for aiding OHRV and snowmobile clubs in the maintenance and development of the New Hampshire motorized trails and the purchase and refurbishment of trail maintenance equipment.


The substantial portion if not all of the work effort for the above mentioned maintenance and development for the Trails system occurs in the first 3-4 months of the fiscal year due to the summer season being the time when the maintenance can be performed. In FY 2019, more than half of costs related to the yearly maintenance efforts conducted via these grant agreements was accounted in the first 3 months of the fiscal year. These are dedicated fund accounts that maintain fund balances to be used for such maintenance purposes as needed. For this reason, we are seeking approval to have these balances appropriated so we may ensure that the work that was planned and is underway can be paid for and completion of the needed maintenance prior to the start of the late fall and winter season.

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?**
Yes, this is a result of the Continuing Resolution.
2. **If this request is retroactive what is the significance and importance of the action being effective from an earlier date?** This request is not retroactive at this time.
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 answers to this question.)** No, funding for this program is requested as part of the Department’s Operating Budget.
4. **Was funding for the program included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget or requested and denied?** Yes, it was included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted 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?** Yes, in total, is included in the vetoed FY2020-2021 Operating 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.)** No, there are no positions funded for these accounts, however, many individuals are employed to conduct the maintenance work necessary as part of the agreements.
7. **What would be the effect should this program be discontinued or not initiated as a result of this request being denied?** Major OHRV trail projects, which were underway, have already been halted and would be cancelled. Volunteer clubs that have contracted for work to be performed would not be reimbursed and would need to cover all of the costs from vendors on their own. Snowmobile trail grooming equipment orders would need to be cancelled and this would result in some areas of the trail system not having equipment to groom this winter.

Your approval of this request will ensure that trail work can continue during the construction season and trails would stay open and that the revenues anticipated from trails use are realized.

Respectfully submitted, 



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner