

New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

November 30, 2016

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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


Approved by Fiscal Committee Date 1/13/17

Dear Governor Hassan and Honorable Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in the amount of \$169,948.66 for the period of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2017. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted into account as follows:

02-18-18-185010-33460000 SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT #16SCBGPNH0015

OBJECT

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
040-500800	Indirect costs	\$ 12,431.66
041-500801	Audit Fund Set aside	157.00
072-500575	Grants Federal	<u>157,360.00</u>
	Total	\$169,948.66
<u>Revenue</u>		
000-405583	Federal Funds	\$169,948.66

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to fund three specific projects. The projects were solicited through the RFP process and submitted for review by USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service as part of a New Hampshire state application. USDA, AMS approved the NH State Plan and all of the included projects.

The funds from this grant will be utilized as follows:

Object Class – 040 – Indirect Cost \$12,431.66. Funds budgeted at the 8% maximum allowed by USDA AMS, for both indirect and audit costs.

Object Class – 041 – Audit Set Aside \$157.00. Funds budgeted covering the required rate.

Object Class – 072 – Grants \$157,360.00. Funds for conducting agricultural specialty crop program projects as approved by USDA, AMS.

In the event that these Federal funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Merrill".

Lorraine S. Merrill
Commissioner

2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

#16SCBGNH0015

NH Projects Approved for Funding by USDA

- **Putting Food By: Food Preservation for Today's Market,**
Small & Beginner Farmers of NH, \$25,682.00
- **Upper Valley Power of Produce (POP) Clubs,**
Vital Communities, \$48,880.00
- **Buy New Hampshire Specialty Crops Social Media/Internet Advertising Campaign in
Partnership with NH Division of Travel & Tourism Development , NH Dept. of Agriculture,
Markets & Food, \$80,000.00**

2016 SCBG

Grant Agreement Face Sheet

1. Accounting Code: 9000001161			2. Vendor I.D. (EIN):			3. DUNS Number: 176836583		
4. Agreement Number: 16SCBGNH0015			5. Type of Instrument: Grant Agreement			6. CFDA Number: 10.170		
7. Title of Agreement: NH FY16 Specialty Crop Block Grant								
8. Objective: To solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.								
9. Statement of Work: This agreement shall be carried out by the organizational units or officials of the Federal Agency and the Recipient in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) – Award Terms and Conditions attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.								
10. Legal Authority: Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) of Public Law 108-465; amended under section 10010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79								
11. Federal Agency (Name and Address): Specialty Crop Block Grant Program 1400 Independence Ave Washington DC, DC 20250					12. Recipient: STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE-DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD BUREAU OF MARKETS PO BOX 2042 CONCORD, NH 03302-2042			
13. Federal Agency Project Manager: John Miklozek, Supervisory Ag Marketing Spec Telephone: 202-720-1403 Email: john.miklozek@usda.gov					14. Recipient Project Coordinator: STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE-DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD BUREAU OF MARKETS Telephone: Email:			
15. Period of Performance: September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2019 Indirect cost at 8%					16. Federal Agency Funding Amount: \$169,948.66		Non-Federal Matching Amount \$0.00	
PROVISIONS								
<p>This Grant Award incorporates the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Approved State Plan, including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto – incorporated by reference. 2. If funds were not applied for and reallocated, the reallocated amount is reflected in block 16. Federal Agency Funding Amount. These funds must be expended on projects in the Approved State Plan, and amendments thereto. 3. The Recipient will complete activities outlined in the Approved State Plan, including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto. 4. The Recipient will complete activities outlined in the Approved State Plan, including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto. 5. The Recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2016 General Award Terms and Conditions– available at https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/guidance and incorporated by reference. 6. Grant funds received under this award shall supplement the expenditure of State funds in support of specialty crops grown in that State, rather than replace State funds. 								
17. Federal Agency Representative Approval: Karla Whalen Deputy Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service					18. Recipient Representative Approval: Name: <i>Lorraine S. Merrill</i> Title: <i>Commissioner</i>			
19. Federal Agency Representative Approval Signature: Date: Karla Whalen 09-19-2016					20. Recipient Representative Approval Signature: Date: <i>Lorraine S. Merrill</i> 10-10-16			

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