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New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

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


Approved by Fiscal Committee 1/23/15 Date

Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House

Dear Governor Hassan and Honorable Council:

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, State Conservation Committee (NHDAMF) respectfully requests authorization to budget and expend carry forward funds from State Fiscal Year 2014, in the amount of \$230,000; for Grants non-federal (073), to fulfill the scope of work to award grants for the NHDAMF Number Plate grant program. These non-lapsing funds are fees collected for moose plate registrations; for the period of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval to June 30, 2015. 97.7% Other Funds – Soil Conservation and 2.3% General Funds (classes 020, 070 & 103 only).

These Funds are to be budgeted in the existing account, **02-18-18-184500-28600000 Soil Conservation**, as follows:

OBJECT CLASS	ACCOUNT	CURRENT FY 2015	REQUESTED CHANGE	REVISED FY 2015
020	Current Expense	\$ 1,150	-0-	\$1,150
070	In State Travel	950	-0-	950
073	Grants non-federal	165,500	230,000	395,500
102	Contracts for Program Serv.	30,000	-0-	30,000
103	Contracts for Op. Services	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	Total	\$200,100	\$230,000	\$430,100
Source of Funds				
008-407590	Other Funds	\$195,500	\$230,000	\$425,500
	General Funds	<u>4,600</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,600</u>
	Total Revenue	\$200,100	\$230,000	\$430,100

Explanation

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, State Conservation Committee (NHDAMF), receives other funds for the Soil Conservation program through the Conservation License Plate program, RSA 261:97-c III (a). Grants are awarded through a competitive process to groups including municipalities, County Conservation Districts, County Cooperative Extension natural resource programs, municipal conservation agencies, schools, scout groups, and other nonprofit entities engaged in natural resource conservation programs for conservation activities.

Fiscal Situation

Current State Appropriation FY2015:	
28600000 Soil Conservation	\$200,100.00
Request this item	<u>230,000.00</u>
Total FY 2015 Revised Appropriation	\$430,100.00

FY 2014 Balance Carried Forward	\$238,582.83
Request this item	<u>(230,000.00)</u>
Total Available Funds FY2015 Revised	\$ 8,582.83

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine S. Merrill
Commissioner