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October 12, 2020

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

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

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend \$966,529 in federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the purposes related to restore and repurpose the former Emery Estate at Glenn's Cove Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to enhance public access and fulfill programmatic construction needs for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 206: 33-b, authorize the transfer of \$428,399 from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Fund Reserve to be used as 30% matching funds for a federal grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to the Fish and Game FY 2021 Operating Budget from Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2021.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

020-07500 -71590000 – GBNERRPAC2020 – FY 2021

<u>Class</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
020-500252 CURRENT EXPENSES	0	\$24,107	\$24,107
041-500801 AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	0	966	966
046-500463 ENG CONSULTANTS NON-BENEFIT	0	1,184,855	1,184,855
047-500240 OWN FORCES MAINTENANCE	0	15,000	15,000
103-500736 CONTRACT FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICES	0	170,000	170,000
Total Expenses	0	\$1,394,928	\$1,394,928
Source of Funds			
000-404233 Federal Funds	0	\$966,529	\$966,529
Fish and Game Funds	0	428,399	428,399
Total Revenues		\$1,394,928	\$1,394,928

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EXPLANATION

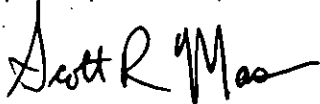
A large property was acquired by NHFG in 2000 that included a 12-acre life estate that would revert to NHFG management upon the death of the family living there. The family member passed away in the spring of 2018, and the farmhouse, garage, barn, five apartments, three cottages and associated sheds that were on the land reverted to NHFG. Most of the buildings are in poor or very poor condition, leaving the agency with the responsibility of cleaning up the area, removing all hazards, and determining what to do with the structures. The property is a part of a block of land on the eastern side of Great Bay now called Glenn's Cove Wildlife Management Area. The goal of these funds is to restore buildings that can be of use to NHFG and the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, remove buildings that are not safe or needed, and restore the site to be suitable for public access.

Each year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) holds a competition for federal funds to support construction and land acquisition projects that support the 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves around the country. New Hampshire Fish and Game spent several months developing a proposal to align the NOAA funding criteria and priorities with a high need for the agency. The result was a successful proposal to restore public access and do site improvements to the former Emery Farm estate (a high priority for NHFG) and to restore some of the structures to provide visiting researcher housing at the reserve and space for outdoor programming (priorities for NOAA). A grant of \$999,595 in federal funds from NOAA was awarded for this project. A portion of these funds will support NHFG personnel and associated indirect costs already budgeted within the Department's operating budget. The remaining balance of Nine hundred sixty six thousand five hundred and twenty nine dollars (\$966,529) is included in this request. This funding opportunity requires a 70% federal/30% state match, and the four hundred twenty eight thousand and three hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$428,399) in state match for this project was secured in February, 2020 with the sale of the Brentwood Game farm (approved by Governor and Council February 5, 2020, item #54). General Funds will not be requested for this project. This item requests a total of one million three hundred ninety four thousand nine hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$1,394,928) be added to the FY21 appropriation. Specific class codes are as follows:

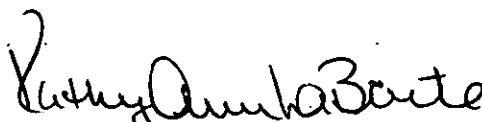
- Class 020: Addition of \$24,107 to purchase construction related supplies for tasks that will be managed by NHFG staff
- Class 041: Addition of \$966 for costs related to auditing federal funds.
- Class 046: Addition of \$1,184,855 for the Division of Public Works to administer and implement the design and construction of a garage, a picnic pavilion, bathrooms, a renovation to the farmhouse, and relocation of one cottage.
- Class 047: Addition of \$15,000 dollars for own forces maintenance related to site work on this project
- Class 103: Addition of \$170,000 for contracts to removal hazardous waste material and remove derelict structures

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte
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FORM CD-450 (REV 10/18)		U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	
RECIPIENT NAME FISH AND GAME, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF		FEDERAL AWARD ID NUMBER NA20NOS4200051			
STREET ADDRESS 11 HAZEN DR		PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE 07/01/2020-06/30/2023			
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE CONCORD NH 03301-6502		FEDERAL SHARE OF COST		\$999,595.00	
AUTHORITY 16 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.		RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST		\$428,399.00	
		TOTAL ESTIMATED COST		\$1,427,994.00	
CFDA NO. AND NAME 11.420 Coastal Zone Management Estuarine Research Reserves					
PROJECT TITLE Great Bay NERR Visiting Research Housing and Public Access Project					
<p>This Award Document (Form CD-450) signed by the Grants Officer constitutes an obligation of Federal funding. By signing this Form CD-450, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Award provisions checked below and attached. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, the Form CD-450 must be signed by an authorized representative of the Recipient and returned to the Grants Officer. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally withdraw this Award offer and de-obligate the funds.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> R & D AWARD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL-WIDE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS ADOPTED BY THE DEPT. OF COMMERCE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC AWARD CONDITIONS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LINE ITEM BUDGET</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 CFR PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO 2 CFR § 1327.101</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 48 CFR PART 31, CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-YEAR AWARD. PLEASE SEE THE MULTI-YEAR SPECIFIC AWARD CONDITION.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHERS(S):</p> <p>This award is being made under competitive Funding Opportunity Number NOAA-NOS-OCM-2020-2006297 posted at Grants.gov on 11/07/2019; 15 CFR Part 921, National Estuarine Research Reserve System Regulations</p>					
SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANTS OFFICER Stacy Tedder				DATE 06/24/2020	
PRINTED NAME, PRINTED TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL Mr. Randy Curtis				DATE 07/08/2020	