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

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June 1, 2021

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to budget and expend prior year carry forward Grant in Aid funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 in Fiscal Year 2021 upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021. **100% Other Funds.**

03-35-35-351510-35560000				
Grants In Aid - Snow				
Class-Account	Description	FY 21 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	FY 21 Revised Adjusted Authorized
Revenue				
001-484975	Transfer from other Agency	-3,463,708	-1,500,000	-4,963,708
Totals:		-3,463,708	-1,500,000	-4,963,708
Expense				
020-500200	Current Expenses	100,000	0	100,000
075-500590	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	3,363,708	1,500,000	4,863,708
Totals:		3,463,708	1,500,000	4,963,708

EXPLANATION

The Department estimates shortfalls of current appropriations in the Bureau of Trails Grant in Aid Program accounting units. The Department's ability to complete seasonal trails maintenance needed for the snowmobile trail network and equipment purchases during the start of the 2021 season is vitally important to proper preparedness for use of the trails system.

These are dedicated fund accounts that maintain fund balances, 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 snowmobile grants for seasonal maintenance approved by the Bureau of Trails, can be awarded for this season. The Grant in Aid Snow account is used by volunteer clubs to provide trail system maintenance and purchase equipment as needed to perform such maintenance services.

Budgeting of these available funds will allow us to ensure completion of these trail maintenance efforts and purchasing of equipment by the clubs through our Grant-In-Aid program contracts.

We are requesting authorization to budget and expend available carry forward balance as listed above so we may encumber these grants prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,



(LSL)

Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

State of New Hampshire
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Grant in Aid Snow Fund

FISCAL SITUATION

**Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Grant in Aid Wheeled Fund Fiscal Situation FY 2021
03-35-35-351510- 35560000 – Grant in Aid Snow**

Total Fund Beg Bal FY 2021	\$3,767,378
New Revenue added in FY 2021	<u>\$1,820,700</u>
Total FY 2021 Available Funds to Budget	\$5,588,078
<u>Less:</u>	
Expenditures & Encumbered FY 2021	<u>(\$2,912,648)</u>
Total Current Available for Budgeting	\$2,675,430
Requested Actions:	
Budget and Expend =>	\$1,500,000
Total Remaining Available Funds	\$1,175,430