



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

March 12, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to award grant aid funds, under the provisions of RSA 486, to the following three entities in the aggregate amount of \$2,708,484 for wastewater facility projects, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
Concord, City of	177376 B001	\$371,317
Rochester, City of	177467 B002	\$1,025,199
Berlin, City of	177362 B003	\$1,311,968

Funding is available in the account as follows:

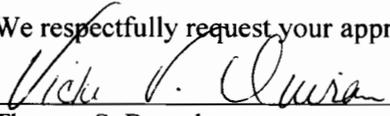
	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>After FY 2015</u>
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	\$302,643	\$318,104	\$2,087,737
Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants-Non Federal			

EXPLANATION

The funds being requested are part of a wastewater state aid grant (SAG) program that provides financial assistance in the form of grants to NH communities to off-set the eligible costs of planning, engineering design, and construction costs of certain sewage disposal facilities. Over the term of the debt service, which will range from 5 to 30 years, the state will reimburse the entities for 20% to 30% of the eligible costs incurred during the design and construction of the wastewater facilities plus a proportionate share of interest on borrowing for the project. In addition, some project costs qualify for an additional 10-30% SAG ("SAG Plus") for components related to septage and sludge handling and treatment facilities.

In November 2008 funding for new state aid grants, including wastewater facility grants, was postponed as part of a cost reduction measure to address significant state revenue shortfalls. A total of 103 applications for wastewater facility grants were affected. These projects were placed on a "Delayed and Deferred" list until funding was available. Funds for Delayed and Deferred wastewater facility grants were appropriated in the state's Operating Budget for fiscal years 2014-2015. The wastewater facility grants in this request represent 5 of the Delayed and Deferred projects. Additional information regarding these projects is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.


Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WATER DIVISION – WASTEWATER ENGINEERING BUREAU

STATE AID GRANTS
(03-44-44-442010-1003-073)

The effect of this request on appropriated funds is shown below:

Fiscal Year	<u>2014</u>
Appropriation	\$7,523,938
Less: Scheduled Payments	<u>\$3,091,196</u>
Balance Available	\$4,432,742
Less: Previous Requests	\$2,109,424
Less: Concurrent (3/26/14) Request	\$462,607
Less: Current Request	
C-834 Concord - Hall St. WWTF Grit Facilities Upgrade	\$4,053
C-835 Rochester - East Rochester I/I Elimination	\$45,498
C-836 Rochester - Brock St. / Washington St. Pump Stations	<u>\$15,681</u> \$61,179
C-837 Berlin - E. Milan Rd. Gravity Coll. Sys., Pump Fac. and Force Mai	\$231,166
C-838 Berlin - Infiltration & Inflow Reduction Phase I Contract 1	<u>\$6,245</u> \$237,411
Total	<u>\$302,643</u>
Balance Available	\$1,558,068

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for sewage disposal facilities under RSA 486.

Municipality: Concord, NH

State Grant Number: C-834

Project: Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility Grit Facilities Upgrade

Description: Construction of grit management and screw pump upgrades at the Hall Street wastewater treatment facility.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,856,582

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$371,317)

Grant Term: 22 years

Application Received: 8/27/2010

EXHIBIT A (Cont.)

Municipality: Rochester, NH

State Grant Number: C-835

Project: East Rochester Infiltration/Inflow Elimination

Description: Study of sources of infiltration and inflow to sewer system and design and construction of sewer upgrades in the Gonic Service Area of the City.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$2,560,433

Grant Award: 30% of eligible costs (\$768,130)

Grant Term: 20 years

Application Received: 6/21/2012

State Grant Number: C-836

Project: Brock Street / Washington Street Pump Stations

Description: Design and construction of new sewers on Washington and Hanson Streets and new pump stations on Washington and Brock Streets.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$856,896

Grant Award: 30% of eligible costs (\$257,069)

Grant Term: 20 years

Application Received: 6/21/2012

Total Grant Award - Rochester, NH: \$1,025,199

EXHIBIT A (Cont.)

Municipality: Berlin, NH

State Grant Number: C-837

Project: East Milan Road Gravity Collection System, Pumping Facilities and Force Main

Description: Design and construction including a new gravity sewer collection system, pumping facilities and force main along East Milan Road.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$5,779,167

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$1,155,833)

Grant Term: 5 years

Application Received: 10/29/2012

State Grant Number: C-838

Project: Infiltration & Inflow Reduction Phase I Contract 1

Description: Study for analysis of infiltration and inflow including videotaping of sanitary sewers at selected locations to document sources and design and construction of new sewers to remove extraneous flow to the wastewater treatment facility.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$780,671

Grant Award: 20% of eligible costs (\$156,135)

Grant Term: 25 years

Application Received: 11/13/2012

Total Grant Award - Berlin, NH: \$1,311,968