

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION BUREAU of TRAILS 172 Pembroke Road Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable 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 accept and expend \$2,400,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 of Excess Registration Fees from the Fish and Game Department upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in the following account: 03-035-035-351510-34140000 Trails Administration

Class-Account	Class Description	FY22 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY22 Adjusted Authorized
001-484975-69	Transfers From Other Agency	\$1,691,873	\$100,000	\$1,791,873
004-408189-68	Intra Agency Transfers	\$101,607		\$101,607
006-402259-30	Agency Income	\$339,603		\$339,603
008-405924-68	Agency Income	\$9,785		\$9,785
	Total Revenue	\$2,142,868	\$100,000	\$2,242,868
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Clas	\$717,271		\$717,271
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$7,043	\$100,000	\$107,043
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$1,538		\$1,538
023-500291	Heat Electricity Water	\$1,000		\$1,000
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,000		\$1,000
027-582703	Transfers To Doit	\$23,148		\$23,148
030-500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$800,500		\$800,500
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$500		\$500
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$49,950		\$49,950
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$52,951		\$52,951
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$41,002		\$41,002
060-500601	Benefits	\$443,965		\$443,965
070-500702	In State Travel Reimburseme	\$2,500		\$2,500
080-500719	Out Of State Travel Reimb	\$500		\$500
	Total Expenses	\$2,142,868	\$100,000	\$2,242,868

Class-Account	Class Description	FY22 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY22 Adjusted Authorized
001-484975-69	Transfers From Other Agency	\$5,043,992	\$2,300,000	\$7,343,992
	Total Revenue	\$5,043,992	\$2,300,000	\$7,343,992
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$65,998		\$65,998
075-500590	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	\$4,932,194	\$2,300,000	\$7,232,194
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	\$45,800		\$45,800
	Total Expenses	\$5,043,992	\$2,300,000	\$7,343,992

Funds are to be budgeted in the following account: 03-035-035-351510-35560000 Grant in Aid - Snow

EXPLANATION

RSA 215-A:23, IX, and RSA 215-C:39, X, state respectively that for each fiscal year, excess registration fees collected and not expended shall be non-lapsing and shall be retained by the snowmobile and OHRV program for future use. Each further states respectively that in each year of the biennium, the Fish and Game Department and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources may expend excess registration fees collected in the same proportion as described in these sections with prior approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council.

Per the Fish and Game Department, "During this current fiscal year, New Hampshire experienced above average sales of OHRV registrations. At this point in time, we are approximately 6,500 registrations ahead of this same point last year. We surmise this is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued desire for people to enjoy outdoor recreation. This coupled with a change in Legislation which increased OHRV registration prices for fiscal year 2021, has caused a significant deficit in our previously approved operating budget as approximately 72% of revenue from the sale of OHRV registrations is transferred to DNCR."

The Fiscal Committee approved the Fish and Game Department's request to transfer these excess registration fees on May 20, 2022 (FIS 22-167) and was approved by the Governor and Council for acceptance on May 18, 2022, Item # 57.

This request allows us to accept and expend the funds in excess of what was budgeted for FY 2022 that the Fish and Game Department has been approved to transfer to DNCR for these accounting units.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 20 - Current Expenses - Appropriation increase is to allow for purchase of office and field admin support items

Class 75 - Grants, Subsidies & Relief - Grants to Trails clubs

Respectfully submitted, rah L. Stewar

Commissioner