



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

FIS 16 010



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

October 21, 2015

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, NH

[Signature]
 Approved by Fiscal Committee Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 And the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a,VI authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$127,420 from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementation of the Wetland Program Development Grant: Building Climate Change Resiliency in New Hampshire by Prioritizing Wetland and Stream Mitigation Opportunities, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2017. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

**FY 2016
 Wetland Restoration and Protection
 03-44-44-442010-18820000**

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$0	(\$127,420)	(\$127,420)
Expenditures				
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$0	\$2,090	\$2,090
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$128	\$128
050-500109	Personnel Part-Time	\$0	\$19,055	\$19,055
060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$1,458	\$1,458
070-500705	In State Travel	\$0	\$500	\$500
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$0	\$104,189	\$104,189
TOTAL		\$0	\$127,420	\$127,420

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to provide updated information to aid in land protection efforts and in the identification of potential undersized and old stream crossings to build resiliency in the Merrimack and Salmon Fall watersheds which have been identified as "at risk urban watersheds". Information collected will be made

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available through outreach to municipalities and on the New Hampshire Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer System (GRANIT).

The funds provided by EPA will facilitate the reactivation of a technical advisory committee for the conductance of freshwater stream crossing assessments in New Hampshire. In a partnership between DES and the technical advisory committee, subwatersheds identified as priorities in the Merrimack and the Salmon Falls-Piscataqua River watersheds will be targeted for assessment. The assessments will allow DES to identify the most problematic stream crossings for future replacement in order to achieve long-term resiliency for stream flow conveyance. The specific aquatic organism passage and geomorphic scoring information will be provided to GRANIT for public display and for use in local and regional planning purposes. This information will assist municipalities in identifying and prioritizing stream crossings that are vulnerable to threats from increased flood events and that lead to stream crossings that improve habitat, public safety and overall ecosystem function. DES will utilize existing staff to fulfill the necessary match requirement for the EPA funding.

DES has the responsibility to manage disbursements of the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund, and there is increasing interest in allowing stream crossing replacements to be a qualifying activity for these funds. A final outcome of the grant will be developing and providing the tools municipalities can use to develop a compensatory mitigation inventory list that includes high priority land conservation sites, wetland/stream restoration sites, and stream passage improvement locations. This will prepare them for presenting valuable mitigation projects to developers seeking input on local mitigation opportunities and for applying for funds available through the ARM Fund.

DES is requesting authorization to accept and expend \$127,420 in federal funds and to budget these funds as follows:

Classes 040, 041, 060 *Indirect Costs, Audit Set Aside, and Benefits* – Funds in each class respectively, are necessary since there are personnel costs and these classes are based on a percentage of personnel costs. No funds are needed for Class 42 - Additional Fringe as this expense does not apply to part-time positions.

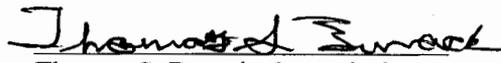
Class 050 *Personnel Part-Time Employees* – The funds in class 050 will be used for existing staff positions. These funds will be used to supplant funding of the following positions, which are currently budgeted. Funding that is budgeted in the accounts for the current positions referenced below will either be lapsed or closed-to-control.

Position #	Title	Account (03-44-44)	Funding Mix	Amount
TMP4993	Environmentalist III	440010-1841-050	100% Other	\$19,055

Class 070 *In-State Travel* – A small amount of travel utilizing state vehicles is anticipated for the work being conducted.

Class 102 *Contracts for Program Services* – This is for contract work to conduct research, collect information, conduct technical analysis, and draft reports in support of the project.

In the event that Federal funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support this program. We respectfully request your approval.


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Department of Environmental Services
Wetland Restoration and Protection
Fiscal Situation FY2016
03-44-44-442010-18820000

Total Federal Award	\$127,420.00
Less Expenditures thru 6/30/15	\$0.00
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$127,420.00
Less Current FY16 Budget Authorization	\$0.00
Total Available for Budgeting	\$127,420.00
REQUESTED ACTION	\$127,420.00
Available to Budget at a later date	\$0.00

Grant Award Number	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Expenses to 6/30/15</u>	<u>Balance</u>
CD-00A00016	127,420.00	0.00	127,420.00
TOTAL	127,420.00	0.00	127,420.00

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A00016 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: CD	DATE OF AWARD 09/22/2015
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 09/29/2015
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10108
		RECIPIENT TYPE: State	
RECIPIENT: New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 EIN: 02-6000618		PAYEE: New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Building Climate Change Resiliency in New Hampshire The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and partners will work to enhance technical resources, develop tools, and conduct outreach to assist municipalities in identifying and prioritizing areas that are vulnerable to threats from climate change and areas to improve inadequate river crossings for habitat, public safety and overall ecosystem function. Work will be done in several urban watersheds and the tools will allow municipalities to develop a compensatory mitigation inventory list that includes high priority land conservation sites, wetland/stream restoration sites, and stream passage improvement locations.			
BUDGET PERIOD 10/01/2015 - 09/30/2017	PROJECT PERIOD 10/01/2015 - 09/30/2017	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$352,355.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$352,355.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 09/04/2015 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$127,420. EPA agrees to cost-share 72.11% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$127,420. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Michael Kenyon - Director, Office of Administration and Resource Management Fred Weeks - Award Official delegate			DATE 09/22/2015