



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

February 5, 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 149-M, to the Town of Unity, (VC # 159970-B001), totaling \$108,814 for the closure of Unity Unlined Municipal Landfill, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>After FY 2015</u>
03-44-44-444440-5402-073-500580	\$21,763	\$21,763	\$65,288
Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Program, Grants-Non Federal			

EXPLANATION

The grant being requested is part of an unlined landfill closure grant program that provides a 20% reimbursement of eligible spent costs to aid municipalities in closing their landfills. Eligible costs consist of hydrogeological, engineering design, and construction elements. Over a five year period, the state will reimburse the Town of Unity for 20% of the eligible costs incurred during the closure of their landfill.

In November 2008, funding for new state aid grants, including landfill closure grants, was eliminated as part of a cost reduction package to address significant state revenue shortfalls. All applications that were submitted and had not yet been approved by Governor and Executive Council or were submitted after November 2008 were placed on a list, which was referred to as the "Delayed and Deferred List." There were 8 landfill closure projects on the list. The landfill closure project on this request is one of those projects.

The Town of Unity applied for a landfill closure grant in the amount of \$108,814. The Town of Unity has spent \$641,084 on its closure project, of which \$544,069 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate, the Town of Unity is eligible to receive the full amount requested, or \$108,814, which will be paid over five years. Additional information regarding this grant project is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.


 Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

LANDFILL CLOSURE GRANTS
(03-44-44-444010-5402-073)

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

Fiscal Year	<u>2014</u>
Appropriation	\$1,137,106
Payments made to date	\$936,056
Scheduled Payments Remaining	<u>\$77,388</u>
Balance Available	\$123,662
Less: Payment on this request:	
L-147 Unity Municipal Landfill	<u>\$21,763</u>
Balance Available	\$101,899

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for landfill closure under RSA 149-M.

Facility Name: Unity Unlined Municipal Landfill

State Grant Number: L-147

Project: Closure of the Town of Unity's Unlined Municipal Landfill located on Mica Mine Road in Unity, NH. (Permit #DES-SW-TP-94-026, Site #198809016)

Description: Town of Unity's costs to close the site known as the Unity Unlined Municipal Landfill.

Unity's Total Project Cost: \$641,084

Unity's Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$544,069

Completed: Summer 2010

Grant Award: \$108,814

Payment Term: 5 years