



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

March 7, 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 City of Lebanon, NH, (VC #177422 B002), totaling \$165,150 for the closure of the Lebanon Construction and Demolition Debris 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	\$45,000	\$15,393	\$104,757
Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Program, Grants-Non Federal			

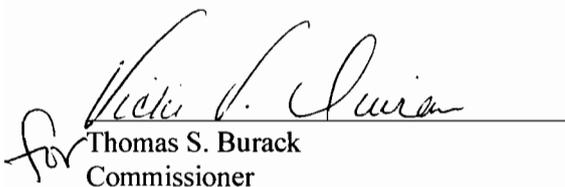
EXPLANATION

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 investigation, engineering design, and construction elements. Over a 10 year period, the state will reimburse the City of Lebanon for 20% of the eligible costs incurred during the closure of their landfill plus a proportionate share of interest on any borrowing.

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 in this request is one of those projects.

The City of Lebanon applied for a landfill closure grant in the amount of \$165,150 which included eligible cost reimbursements and accrued and amortized interest. The City has spent \$679,943 on its closure project, of which \$679,300 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate and accounting for eligible interest, the City of Lebanon is eligible to receive the \$165,150 requested. This corresponds to \$135,860 in eligible cost reimbursements and \$29,290 in accrued and amortized interest that will be paid over 10 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
(03-44-44-444440-5402-073-500580)

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

Fiscal Year:	<u>2014</u>
Appropriation	\$1,137,106
Payments to date	\$985,045
Scheduled Payments Remaining	<u>\$50,162</u>
Balance Available	\$101,900
Less: Payment on this request:	
L-145 Lebanon C&D Landfill	<u>\$45,000</u>
Balance Available	\$56,900

EXHIBIT A

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

Facility Name: Lebanon Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill.

State Grant Number: L-145

Project: Closure of the City of Lebanon's Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill located on Route 12A in Lebanon, NH. (Permit #DES-SW-PFC-04-002, Site #None)

Description: City of Lebanon's costs to close the facility known as the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill.

Lebanon's Total Project Cost: \$679,943

Lebanon's Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$679,300

Completed: Summer 2006

Grant Award: \$165,150

Payment Term: 10 years

