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New Hampshire  
Department of Agriculture,  
Markets & Food

Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

August 8, 2014

Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan and Honorable Council:

**Requested Action**

Authorize the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Regulatory Services (NHDAMF) to accept and expend additional funds in the amount of \$8,000. These funds are from the grant with the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing services (USDA AMS), cooperative agreement #14-NOCCS-NH-0032; the additional funding will provide cost share assistance to certified organic producers in New Hampshire; for the period of Governor and Council approval to December 31, 2014. 100% Federal Funds – National Organic Certifiers Cost-Share.

These Federal Funds are to be budgeted in the existing account, **02-18-18-181000-23740000 NATL ORGANIC CERT COST-SHARE HANDLERS**, as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>REQUESTED CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED APPROPRIATION</u>
040	Indirect Cost	1,980	718	2,698
041	Audit-Set-Aside	20	7	27
072	Grants Federal	<u>20,000</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>27,275</u>
	Total	\$22,000	\$8,000	\$4,000
Source of Funds				
000-404955	Federal Funds	\$22,000	\$8,000	\$30,000

**Explanation**

The original grant with the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing services (USDA AMS) was budgeted based on prior years grants and spending; NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Regulatory Services (NHDAMF) did not receive this grant in the past fiscal year. USDA AMS awarded a higher amount for the current grant.

In the event that these funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Object Class 040 – Indirect Costs - \$718 – funds required covering the calculated rate at 9.9%.

Object Class 041 – Audit-set-Aside - \$7 – funds required covering the calculated rate at .10%.

Object Class 072 – Grants Federal - \$7,275 - funds are required to assist certified organic producers.

**Fiscal Situation**

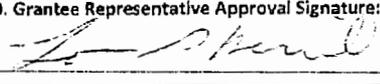
Current State Appropriation FY2015	\$22,000
Additional Request this item	<u>8,000</u>
Total Available Funds FY2014 Revised	\$30,000

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine S. Merrill  
Commissioner

United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
AGREEMENT FACE SHEET

1. Accounting Code: 7055		2. Vendor I.D. (EIN): 026000618		3. DUNS Number: 1768365830000	
4. Agreement Number: 14-NOCCS-NH-0032		Amendment Number:		5. Type of Instrument: Grant	
6. CFDA Number: 10.171					
7. Title of Agreement: National Organic Certification Cost Share Program					
8. Objective: To provide cost share assistance to certified organic producers					
9. Statement of Work: The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic producers and handlers incurring expenses for either initial organic certification or continuing certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent during the period of October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014. To receive cost-share assistance, organic producers and handlers should contact their State Departments of Agriculture. Procedures for applying are outlined in the program's policies and procedures document at <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5107908">http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5107908</a> .					
10. Legal Authority: Section 713 of Title VII (General Provisions) of Division A of Public Law 108-7  7 U.S.C. 6523, as amended by section 10004(c) of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill)					
11. Federal Agency (Name and Address): USDA AMS National Organic Program 1400 Independence Avenue SW Room 2648-S, Ag STOP 0268 Washington, DC 20250-0268			12. Grantee: NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets & Food Division of Regulatory Services PO Box 2042 25 CAPITAL STREET Concord NH 03302-2042		
13. Federal Agency Project Manager: Dana Stahl, (540) 361-1126 Dana.Stahl@ams.usda.gov			14. Grantee Project Coordinator: Victoria M. Smith		
15. Period of Performance: October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014		16. Federal Agency Funding Amount: \$42,000		Non-Federal Matching Amount: N/A	
PROVISIONS					
Incorporated by reference:  1. USDA-AMS- NOP 6000: Policies and Procedures, Fiscal Year 2014: <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5107908">http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5107908</a> .					
FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
17. Federal Agency Representative Approval: Miles V. McEvoy Deputy Administrator National Organic Program			18. Grantee Representative Approval (Please Print): Name: Lorraine S. Merrill  Title: Commissioner		
19. Federal Agency Representative Approval Signature: 		Date: June 9, 2014		20. Grantee Representative Approval Signature: 	
				Date: 6-25-14	