STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURȦL and CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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July 3, 2019
The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and
His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources requests authorization to exceed the $3 / 12$ limitation of said resolution for the accounts listed on the attached analysis, in the total amount of $\$ 1,250,000$, to the extent shown as projected deficits for the period of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2019. 100\% Other Funds


| 050 | Personal Service Temp Appoint | 500109 | 803,286 | $1,250,000$ | $2,053,286$ |
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| 059 | Temp Full Time | 500117 | 77,741 |  | 77,741 |
| 060 | Benefits | 500601 | 321,222 |  | 321,222 |
| 061 | Unemployment Compensation | 500536 | 12,500 |  | 12,500 |
| 062 | Workers Compensation | 500538 | 35,000 |  | 35,000 |
| 066 | Employee Training | 500543 | 2,500 |  | 2,500 |
| 070 | In State Travel Reimbursement | 500700 | 750 |  | 750 |
| 080 | Out Of State Travel Reimb | 500710 | 1,250 |  | 1,250 |
| 102 | Contracts For Program Services | 500634 | 37,500 |  | 37,500 |
| 103 | Contracts For Op Services | 502664 | 150,000 |  | 150,000 |
|  | Total |  | $\mathbf{3 , 0 7 2 , 3 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 3 2 2 , 3 3 0}$ |

## EXPLANATION

This request is due to the Continuing Resolution (CR). The Department estimates shortfalls in the Service Parks accounting unit affecting the Department's ability to maintain seasonal operations of the State's Parks and Recreation system for the remainder of the 2020 season. The accounts listed in the above table represent a major portion of the operational activity funded in the Parks and Recreation system during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

The substantial portion of revenue and expenses for the Park System occurs in the first 3 months of the fiscal year due to the summer season. In 2019, more than half of expenses and collection of revenue was accounted in the first 3 months. Spending in FY 2019 compared against the current budget under the CR results in total estimated spending above the CR budget of approximately $\$ 1,140,000$ across class lines cumulatively. The request for $\$ 1,250,000$ reflects potential estimated spending growth of $3 \%$ consistent with average Parks revenue growth. The most significant overspending will occur in Class 050 (seasonal labor) of over $\$ 1.2$ million. Several classes are projected to have negative balances by September 30, 2019. Shortages will be covered with reductions in expenses or transfers in from other classes pursuant to RSA 216-A:3-m, the Department's authority to transfer funds between and among the appropriations for the operation of the State Park System. We estimate we will be able to transfer approximately $\$ 368,000$ in available savings between and among classes to manage most class shortfalls. However, there are insufficient funds to cover seasonal labor.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required of all Fiscal Committee item requests, related to RSA 9-: 16-a, "Transfers authorized", RSA 14:30-a, VI, "Expenditure of funds over $\$ 100,000$ from any Non State Source", or RSA 124:15, "Positions Authorized", or both, and all emergency requests pursuant to "Chapter 145, subparagraph I, (a), Laws of 2019, making temporary appropriations for the expenses and encumbrances of the State of New Hampshire":

1. Is the action required of this request a result of the Continuing Resolution for FY 2020? Yes.
2. If this request is retroactive what is the significance and importance of the action being effective from an earlier date? Not applicable.
3. Is this a previously funded and ongoing program established through Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council action? (If so, include as an attachment the original documents as approved and cite the specific dates of authorization and end dates for each action as part of your answers to this question.) No, funding for this program is requested as part of the Department's Operating Budget.
4. Was funding for the program included in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget or requested and denied? Yes, in the FY 2018-2019 enacted Budget.
5. Is this program in total or in part, included in the vetoed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget proposal currently pending for your department, or was it requested and denied? Yes, in total.
6. Does this program include, either positions or consultants, and if so are the positions filled, vacant, or have offers pending? (Please provide details for each position and note whether consultant contracts have been awarded.) Yes, this program includes hundreds of permanent and temporary positions which are filled.
7. What would be the effect should this program be discontinued or not initiated as a result of this request being denied? Without approval of this request, the Division of Parks and Recreation will have to curtail operations and close parks due to lack of staffing. This will affect access to outdoor recreation by the citizens of the State and visitors to the State during the late summer and fall. The closure of parks will also result in a loss of revenue to the Parks Fund.

Your approval of this request will ensure that parks stay open and that the revenues anticipated from parks operations are realized.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

## DNCR Service Parks Operations - 37200000 CR Transfer Analysis



