



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

July 20, 2020



His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and The Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds under the provisions of RSA 481:3, in the amount of \$11,750, to cover projected shortfalls in certain expenditure classes, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Sugar River Project Funds. Funding is to be budgeted as follows:

Sugar River Project  
 03-44-44-442010-3824  
 FY 2021

Class	Title	Current Budget	Requested Change	Revised Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
005-407496	Private Local Funds	\$ (8,559)	(11,750)	\$ (20,309)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
018-500106	Overtime	600	0	600
020-500200	Current Expenses	2,460	0	2,460
022-500257	Rents-Leases Other Than State	20	0	20
023-500291	Heat, Electricity, Water	450	0	450
024-500228	Maint. other than Buildings	250	0	250
030-500322	Equipment	1,800	0	1,800
039-500188	Telecommunications	450	0	450
040-500800	Indirect Costs	261	0	261
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	71	0	71
046-500464	Consultants	100	0	100
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	200	0	200
050-500109	Personal Services Part Time	132	0	132
059-500117	Temp Full Time	351	0	351
060-500601	Benefits	340	0	340
070-500702	In-State Travel	50	0	50
102-500731	Contracts for Program Svcs	200	11,750	11,950
302-500836	Dam Projects	824	0	824
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,559</b>	<b>\$ 11,750</b>	<b>\$ 20,309</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The purpose of the request is to budget additional Water User Fees for the Sugar River Project account for FY2021. The funds appropriated in the FY21 operating budget are not sufficient to meet expenses to be incurred in FY2021 that were unanticipated at the time the budget was prepared.

The budget adjustment is needed to cover the costs to operate a streamgage that was installed in FY2020, on the Sugar River downstream of NHDES's Sunapee Lake Dam. The streamgage provides real-time streamflow measurements that NHDES needs to improve the management of releases from the dam, reduce the extent of flooding downstream, optimize the releases made for the generation of power at downstream hydropower plants who pay the Water User Fees to support the project, and maintain Lake Sunapee at levels that enhance this important recreational resource while reducing the risk of flooding of shoreline properties. The real-time data are also used to continuously recalibrate the flood-forecasting computer model that DES has developed for the Sunapee Lake/Sugar River watershed.

The streamgage will be operated and maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) under the state's Cooperative Streamgaging Program authorized under RSA 482:85.

The following class is being increased as described below:

Class 102- Contracts for Program Services is being increased by \$11,750 to fund the costs of the USGS to operate and maintain the streamgage on the Sugar River.

We respectfully request your approval.



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