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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorized the New Hampshire Department of Education to accept and expend funds grant funds from Walmart in the amount of \$15,000 to support robotics education; effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Private Local Funds.

Funds to budgeted as follows:

Robotics Education Fund  
06-56-56-560010-08580000  
FY 2019

Source of Funds	Title	FY19 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Amended FY19 Authorized
005-402736	Private Local Funds	(\$ 15,000.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$ 15,000.00)
N/A	General Funds	(\$204,902.62)	\$0.00	(\$204,902.62)
Total		(\$219,902.62)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$219,902.62)
Class/Expense	Class Title	FY19 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	FY19 Adjusted Authorized
073-500577	Grants Non-Federal	\$204,902.62	\$0.00	\$204,902.62
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total		\$219,902.62	\$15,000.00	\$219,902.62

EXPLANATION

New Hampshire Department of Education will expend the funds received by Walmart to promote robotics education opportunities. Robotics represent an innovative area of education for students that supports traditional math and science while also advancing cutting edge learning in advanced mechanical engineering and artificial intelligence.

Funds will be used to promote Robotics Education around the state, through digital and social media outreach, coordinated through the NH DOE Public Information Office. Promotion is an important piece of the wider effort to encourage more schools and students to take advantage of robotics as a field of educational exploration, especially non-traditional students and under-represented groups. For example, female students who see themselves represented in STEM fields (such as robotics) are significantly more likely to take advantage of similar opportunities. Likewise, innovative robotics programs that align with rigorous mathematics competencies can provide pathways to high school credit for students who may have found little success in traditional mathematics courses and would benefit from an innovative approach to the curriculum.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 102 - Contracts for Program Services – To enter into contracts for services relative to the program activities outlined above.

Sincerely,



Frank Edelblut  
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September 6, 2018

Frank Edelblut  
Commissioner of Education  
New Hampshire Department of Education  
101 Pleasant Street  
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Dear Commissioner Edelblut,

It is my distinct honor to award the New Hampshire Department of Education a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Walmart Foundation in support of robotics education.

Walmart believes in operating globally and giving back locally – creating impact in the neighborhoods where we live and work. Through our Grant Programs, our associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to organizations. At Walmart, we're committed to using our strengths to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Chris Buchanan  
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