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June 20, 2018

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

## REQUESTED ACTION

The New Hampshire Lottery Commission requests to place an item on the Consent Calendar.

The New Hampshire Lottery Commission requests authorization to enter into an Educational Tuition Agreement and to pay costs not to exceed \$1,950.00 as follows:

**INSTITUTION:** 

UNH - Carsey School of Public Policy

88 Commercial Street Manchester, NH 03101

**COURSES:** 

**Public Administration** 

**COURSE DATES:** 

August 16, 2018 - October 4, 2018

**EMPLOYEE:** 

**Edith Chiasson** 

Sales Team Manager

**ACCOUNT:** 

Funds to be encumbered from New Hampshire Lottery

Commission, Lottery Division Account

FY 2019: 06-083-083-830013-20280000 Training 066-500544

TOTAL COURSE COST: \$1,950.00

**STATE SHARE:** 

\$1,950.00

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** 

Lottery fund

## **EXPLANATION**

We request permission for Edith Chiasson, Sales Team Manager, to participate in UNH Carsey School of Public Policy's course in Public Administration. With this training, Edith will be able to expand on her current knowledge of government policy within an academic perspective of working in public service. She will have an opportunity to observe and participate in governmental administration, and gain a better understanding of why those policies are in place. We are confident that this program will advance Edith's professional capabilities, which will directly benefit the agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. McIntyre, Executive Director

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## **EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE**

## **Purpose**

It is the policy of New Hampshire Lottery to encourage personnel to improve their work knowledge and skills by attending local colleges. The New Hampshire Lottery recognizes that participation in continuing education programs is a valuable component of competency and career development, and accordingly may grant tuition assistance. Tuition Assistance is not an automatic employee benefit and no college courses funded by the agency may be pursued during working hours.

## **Eligibility**

- The applicant shall be a full-time, permanent employee who has successfully completed the initial (12-month) probationary period.
- The course content shall be directly related to the applicant's current job responsibilities. Courses
  that are part of the degree program but are not directly related to the applicant's current job
  responsibilities may not meet the eligibility criteria.
- The applicant shall not have been involved in any formal disciplinary proceedings within the past 6month period, or have disciplinary proceedings pending. Supervisors must use discretion in the approval/denial process.

## **Procedure for College Courses**

- Complete a "Request for Tuition Assistance" form (a separate form is available for the College of America) and have it approved by your Supervisor. The form must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the course to the Deputy or Executive Director.
- o Upon Approval by the employee's Supervisor and a Director, the "Education Tuition Agreement" form will be initiated and a notarized signature will be requested from the employee before being submitted to G&C. G&C approval must be obtained in order for the tuition request to be granted.
- The agreement includes a statement indicating that tuition paid by the State agency will be considered a loan to the employee which will be forgiven only if the employee receives a grade of a B or better and continues their employment for six months beyond the end of the course. This is cumulative; for example if an employee enrolls in two courses at one time, they must receive a passing grade and be employed for 12 months beyond the completion of the courses before this loan will be forgiven.
- o Payment will be made directly to the educational institution.
- After the course is completed, a copy of the grade transcript must be forwarded to the agency's Human Resources representative. It is a requirement of the contract that a passing grade of a B or better be achieved. If an employee does not complete the course, then he/she must repay the loan specified in the agreement. No new tuition agreement requests will be approved until this requirement is met.



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## **Procedure for College of America**

- Complete a "Request for Tuition Assistance" form and have it approved by your Supervisor. The form
  must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the six-month term to the Deputy or
  Executive Director.
- O Upon Approval by the employee's Supervisor and a Director, the "Education Tuition Agreement College for America" form will be initiated and a notarized signature will be requested from the employee before being submitted to G&C. G&C approval must be obtained in order for the tuition request to be granted.
- o The agreement includes a statement indicating that tuition paid by the State agency will be considered a loan to the employee which will be forgiven only if the employee completes 24 competencies and continues their employment for 12 months beyond the end of the course.
- Payment will be made directly to the educational institution.
- After the term is completed, a copy of the completed competencies must be forwarded to the agency's Human Resources representative. It is a requirement of the contract that the competencies be completed. If an employee does not complete the term, then he/she must repay the loan specified in the agreement. No new tuition agreement requests will be approved until this requirement is met.

## **Financial Assistance**

- o Tuition Assistance for courses is approved on a case-by-case basis and will be based on the availability of funds at the State agency.
- Once approved, New Hampshire Lottery will pay up to 100 percent of the cost of tuition only; registration, books and other costs are the responsibility of the employee.



## **EDUCATION TUITION AGREEMENT**

Agreement dated this 27 th day of June, 2018 by and through the New Hampshire Lottery Commission (hereinafter referred to the "State" and Edith Chiasson hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient").

The State and the Recipient do hereby mutually agree as follows:

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

- 1. The State shall pay the Southern New Hampshire University the total sum of \$1950.00 which monies shall be used for the purpose of enrolling the Recipient in the following courses: Public Administration, offered by UNH Carsey School of Public Policy and which course shall commence on August 16, 2018 and terminate on October 4, 2018.
- 2. The Recipient shall complete assigned projects in the three months terms listed in paragraph 1 and provide documentation supporting projects completed during these three month terms.
- 3. Should the recipient fail to complete any project during the three month terms in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall pay to the State the sum set forth in paragraph 1, within 60 days from the date the term was to terminate, provided, however, that if more than one project was completed during the three month term, listed in paragraph 1, the amount which shall be paid to the State shall be calculated on a pro rata basis.
- 4. Upon the satisfactory completion of the three month term named in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall continue to be an employee of the State in his/her current position (or in such other position, at equal or greater compensation, to which he/she may be assigned) for a period of \_\_12\_months.
- 5. The Recipient shall work in any area of the State to which he/she may be assigned, provided that such assignment will not constitute a severe hardship to said Recipient.
- 6. Should the recipient breach any of the conditions set forth in paragraphs above, the Recipient shall pay to the State a sum equal to all monies previously paid by the State for the Recipient pursuant to the Agreement, provided, however, that the Recipient shall receive a credit for each month in which he/she is employed by the State subsequent to the date upon which the named course (s) are satisfactorily completed, the value of said credit to be calculated on a pro rata basis.
- 7. The Recipient shall not raise any setoff or counterclaim against the State in any action brought by the State to collect any amount due under this agreement.
- 8. Should any amount be found to be due the State in any action brought against the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement, the State shall, in addition to said amount, be entitled to an award of costs and a reasonable amount in "attorney" fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representative of the State, in his/her official capacity only, and without personal liability,

and the Recipient, has hereunto set their hands on the date first	above written. // /
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RECIPIENT	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, COUNTY OF
On this the $27\%$ day of $\sqrt{200}$ , $2018$ , before personally appeared, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to	me, <u>Edje Chilasson</u> the undersigned officer be the person whose name is subscribed to the within
instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same fo	
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.	
	LYNDA E. PLANTE



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# REQUEST FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

<u>Employe</u>	<u>9e</u>	
Name: _	Edith Chiasson	
Title:	Sales Team Manager	
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Name: _	UNH – Carsey School of Public Policy	
Address	Huddleston Hall, 73 Main St. Durham, NH 03824-3532	
Course I	<u>Information</u>	
Title:	PA 897F (M1) - Seminar in Public Administration	
Dates Fr	rom: 08/16/2018 To: 10/04/2018	
Cost:	\$1950	
Descript	cion:	
Advanc	ced analysis and individual research, including opportunities for direct observation of	
	mental administration.	
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Justification and job relevance:		
This co	ourse will support my professional development as a government employee and supervisor.	
It is important for me to understand various aspects of government administration and relate it to		
the legislation and management of Lottery product and sales.		
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I have read the Education Tuition Assistance Document (Current as of 12/1/14) and agree to the terms.		
Employee Signature: 200 Mues 800 Date: 4/27/18		
Approvals Superviso		
Deputy/Executive Director: The Eller		
Governor & Council:		