



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

August 21, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 and The Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to award grant aid funds, under the provisions of RSA 149-M, to the following two municipalities totaling, \$369,680 for the closure of Unlined Municipal Landfills in New Hampshire, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

Municipality Name	Location	Vendor Number	Grant Amount
Town of Farmington	Farmington, NH	177387 B002	\$257,038
Town of Tilton	Tilton, NH	177488 B002	\$112,642

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>After FY 2015</u>
03-44-44-444440-5402-073-500580	\$73,936	\$73,936	\$221,808
Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Program, Grants-Non Federal			

EXPLANATION

The grants being requested are part of an unlined landfill closure grant program that provides a 20% reimbursement of eligible spent costs to aid municipalities in closing their landfills. Eligible costs consist of hydrogeological, engineering design, and construction elements. Over a five year period, the state will reimburse the Towns of Farmington and Tilton for 20% of the eligible costs incurred during the closure of their respective landfills.

In November 2008, funding for new state aid grants, including landfill closure grants, was eliminated as part of a cost reduction package to address significant state revenue shortfalls. All applications that were submitted and had not yet been approved by Governor and Executive Council or were submitted after November 2008 were placed on a list, which was referred to as the "Delayed and Deferred List." There were 8 landfill closure projects on the list. The landfill closure projects on this request are two of those projects.

The Town of Farmington applied for a landfill closure grant in the amount of \$257,038. The Town of Farmington has spent \$1,308,912 on its closure project, of which \$1,285,188 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate, the Town of Farmington is eligible to receive the full amount requested, or \$257,038, which will be paid over five years.

The Town of Tilton applied for a landfill closure grant in the amount of \$112,642. The Town of Tilton has spent \$613,357 on its closure project, of which \$563,212 constitutes eligible costs for determining the amount of grant reimbursement. Applying the 20% reimbursement rate, the Town of Tilton is eligible to receive the full amount requested, or \$112,642, which will be paid over five years.

Additional information regarding these grant projects is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Burack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

LANDFILL CLOSURE GRANTS
(03-44-44-444440-5402-073)

The effect of this request on appropriated funds is shown below:

Fiscal Year	<u>2014</u>
Appropriation	\$1,137,106
Payments made to date	\$356,167
Scheduled Payments Remaining	\$479,422
Balance Available	<u>\$301,517</u>
Less: Payments on this request:	
L-146 Tilton Municipal Landfill	\$22,528
L-150 Farmington Municipal Landfill	\$51,408
Balance Available	<u>\$227,581</u>

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for landfill closure under RSA 149-M.

Facility Name: Farmington Unlined Municipal Landfill

State Grant Number: L-150

Project: Closure of the Town of Farmington's Unlined Municipal Landfill located on Dump Road in Farmington, NH. (Permit #DES-SW-TP-93-010, Site #198401085)

Description: Town of Farmington's costs to close the site known as the Farmington Unlined Municipal Landfill.

Farmington's Total Project Cost: \$1,308,912

Farmington's Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,285,188

Completed: Summer 2012

Grant Award: \$257,038

Payment Term: 5 years

Facility Name: Tilton Unlined Municipal Landfill

State Grant Number: L-146

Project: Closure of the Town of Tilton's Unlined Municipal Landfill located on Laconia Road in Tilton, NH. (Permit #DES-SW-TP-96-043, Site #198801009)

Description: Town of Tilton's costs to close the site known as the Unlined Municipal Landfill.

Tilton's Total Project Cost: \$613,357

Tilton's Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$563,212

Completed: Summer 2007

Grant Award: \$112,642

Payment Term: 5 years