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New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

November 17, 2014

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

Dear Governor Hassan and Honorable Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Regulatory Services (DAMF) respectfully requests authorization to budget and expend grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2015. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding to be budgeted in account, NRCS Farm Bill, as follows with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified, pending FY 16 budget approval.

Funds to be budgeted into account as follows:

02-18-18-181010-80690000 NRCS FARM BILL PROGRAMS

OBJECT				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
040-500800	Indirect costs	\$6,458	\$ 718	\$ 7,175
041-500801	Audit Fund Set aside	45	5	50
050-500109	Part time salaries	7,913	879	8,792
060-500601	Benefits	590	66	655
070-500704	In-state travel	470	30	500
072-500572	Grants-federal	<u>29,525</u>	<u>3,303</u>	<u>32,828</u>
	Total	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
<u>Revenue</u>				
000-403801	Federal Funds	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Regulatory Services (DAMF) has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) for Farm Bill Program projects to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality on private lands in New Hampshire, including nutrient management, cover crops management, outreach and training.

The funds from this grant will be utilized as follows:

Object Class – 040 – Indirect Cost \$7,175. Funds budgeted at the 14.45% maximum allowed by USDA NRCS, for both indirect and audit costs.

Object Class – 041 – Audit Set Aside \$50. Funds budgeted covering the required rate.

Object Class – 050 – Part Time Salaries \$8,792. Funds to cover current part time employee salaries for outreach and work with private landowners to implement best management practices to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.

Object Class – 060 – Benefits \$655. Based on required rate.

Object Class – 070 – In-state Travel \$300. Mileage reimbursement for using private vehicle to travel to farms, businesses, etc necessary to perform the certifications, etc.

Object Class – 072 – Grants \$32,828. Assist small farmers, beginning farmers, or underserved producers who cannot provide dollars toward NRCS Farm Bill programs, but can accomplish conservation goals through implementing best management practices through the DAMF Agricultural Nutrient Management grant program.

In the event that these Federal funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Merrill", written in a cursive style.

Lorraine S. Merrill
Commissioner

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NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number 6814281405	2. Amendment No.	3. Award/Project Period Upon Date of Final Signature - 9/30/2015	4. Type of Award Instrument Cooperative Agreement
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5. Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (Name and Address) USDA - NRCS 2 Madbury Rd. Durham, NH 03824	6. Recipient Organization: (Name and Address) New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets and Food PO Box 2042 Concord, NH 03302		
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7. NRCS Program Contact: Deb Weymouth	8. NRCS Administrative Contact: Patty Komeski 603-868-9931 x109	9. Recipient Program Contact: Beth Sirrine 603-271-3687	10. Recipient Administrative Contact: Beth Sirrine 603-271-3687
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11. CFDA Number 10.902	12. Authority CTA 16 USC 590; Cooperative Agreement 31 USC 6305	13. Type of Action New Agreement	14. Project Director Richard P. Ellsmore
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15. Project Title/Description:
Reduce soil erosion and improve water quality on private lands in New Hampshire.

16. Entity Type: Profit Nonprofit Higher Education Federal State/Local Indian/Native American
Other

17. Select Funding Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal	18. Accounting and Appropriation Data
Original Funds Total: \$50,000	Financial Code Amount Fiscal Year Treasury Symbol
Additional Funds Total:	
Grand Total: \$50,000	NR SI COTA 33 0000 1415T \$50,000 2014 124/51000

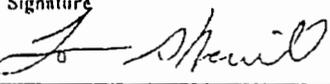
19. APPROVED BUDGET

Personnel	\$ 9,500	Fringe Benefits	\$
Travel	\$ 500	Equipment	\$
Supplies	\$	Contractual	\$
Construction	\$	Other	\$ 40,000
Total Direct Cost\	\$ 50,000	Total Indirect Cost	\$
		Total Non-Federal Funds	\$
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	\$ 50,000
		Total Approved Budget	\$ 50,000

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

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Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative Richard P. Ellsmore, State Conservationist	Signature 	Date 9-8-2014
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner	Signature 	Date 9-5-2014

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

Funds Available

WBS: NR.SI.COTA.33.0000.1415T

BOC: 2550

Funds Ctr: NR33000000

BP: 1415



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