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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION
BUREAU of TRAILS

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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department), Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to budget and expend \$1,636,160 in Fiscal Year 2020 of the Grant in Aid Program dedicated fund balances upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2020. **100% Other Funds**

03-035-035-351510-34840000					
Grants In Aid Equip - Snow					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other Agency	484975	(269,150)	(392,060)	(661,210)
Totals:			(269,150)	(392,060)	(661,210)
Expense					
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	269,150	392,060	661,210
Totals:			269,150	392,060	661,210

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Grants In Aid - Snow					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2020 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2020 Revised Budget
Revenue					
001	Transfer from other agency	484975	(1,868,802)	(1,200,000)	(3,068,802)
009	Agency Income	406654	0	(44,100)	(44,100)
Totals:			(1,868,802)	(1,244,100)	(3,112,902)
Expense					
020	Current Expenses	500200	50,000	10,000	60,000
075	Grants, Subsidies and Relief	500590	1,818,802	1,234,100	3,052,902
Totals:			1,868,802	1,244,100	3,112,902

EXPLANATION

The Department estimates appropriation shortfalls in the Bureau of Trails Grant in Aid Program accounting units. The Department's ability to complete seasonal trails maintenance needed for the snowmobile trail network and equipment purchases prior to the start of the 2020 winter snowmobile season is vitally important to proper preparedness for use of the trails system during the winter season.

These are dedicated fund accounts that maintain fund balances to be used for such maintenance purposes as needed. For this reason, we are seeking approval to have these balances appropriated so we may ensure that the winter trail grooming hours, currently approved by the Bureau of Trails, can be awarded for this winter season. The Grant in Aid Equipment account is used by volunteer clubs to purchase trail grooming equipment, which is on order and expected for delivery in December. Budgeting of these available funds will allow us to ensure completion of these trail maintenance efforts and purchasing of equipment by the clubs through our Grant-In-Aid program contracts.

The Department came before the Fiscal Committee in September and received approval to budget and expend for the Grant in Aid accounting units during the Continuing Resolution. However, the approval was granted for the period of the Continuing Resolution through September 30, 2019. We are requesting authorization to budget and expend available carry forward balances in the two snowmobile Grant in Aid accounts as listed above through the end of Fiscal Year 2020.

Your approval of this request will ensure that trail grooming can continue during the winter season and trails would stay open and that the revenues anticipated from trails use are realized.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

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