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New Hampshire  
Department of Agriculture,  
Markets & Food

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

March 6, 2018

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) to budget and expend balance forward from the Big E Building Account funds in the amount of \$25,000 for the purposes of funding anticipated deficits in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2018. **100% Agency Income.**

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

<b>Big-E Building Account 02-18-18-185010-28260000 Fiscal Year 2018</b>					
<b>Class</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>
003	407521	Agency Income	(\$79,063)	(\$25,000)	(\$104,063)
		General Funds	(725)	0	(725)
		Total Revenue	(\$79,788)	(\$25,000)	(\$104,788)
020	500200	Current Expenses	3,950	-0-	3,950
023	500291	Heat Electricity Water	725	-0-	725
102	500731	Contracts for Program Services	67,113	20,000	87,113
103	500736	Contracts for Op Services	8,000	5,000	13,000
		Totals	\$79,788	\$25,000	\$104,788

**EXPLANATION**

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) New Hampshire Building is located in West Springfield, MA; it was established in 1930 and the property is owned by the State of New Hampshire. The Big E is the largest agricultural fair in New England and attracts approximately 1.5 million visitors a year. The funds are generated through exhibitor space fees; the Department is authorized to accept and receive all money for the purpose of enabling the state to carry out the provisions of such operation. These additional funds will be used to pay for program expenses, general grounds maintenance, utilities, building decorating for specific fair marketing programs.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn N. Jasper  
Commissioner

**FISCAL SITUATION – March 5, 2018**  
*02-18-18-185010-28260000 – Big-E Building Account*

Balance Forward – July 1, 2017	\$83,865.63
Estimated Revenue - FY 2018	79,063.00
General Funds Available – FY 2018	<u>725.00</u>
Total Funds Available – FY 2018	\$163,653.63
Current Budget - FY 2018	<u>\$79,788.00</u>
Funds in Excess of Budget	\$83,865.63
Amount Reserved if Appropriation Request is Approved	<u>\$58,865.63</u>
Additional Appropriation Request - FY 2018	<u>\$25,000.00</u>