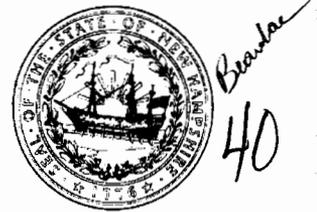




The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Clark B. Freise, Assistant Commissioner**

January 9, 2017

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$99,247 from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementation of the Wetland Program Development Grant: Building Climate Change Resiliency in New Hampshire by Prioritizing Wetland and Stream Mitigation Opportunities, effective upon Governor & Council approval through March 31, 2018. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

**Wetland Restoration and Protection  
 03-44-44-442010-18820000  
 FY 2017**

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Income</b>				
000-400338	Federal Funds	(\$106,943)	(\$98,247)	(\$205,190)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$1,977	\$3,911	\$5,888
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$108	\$95	\$203
050-500109	Personnel Part-Time	\$16,546	\$39,025	\$55,571
060-500601	Benefits	\$1,266	\$3,485	\$4,751
070-500705	In State Travel	\$357	\$1,587	\$1,944
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$0	\$4,144	\$4,144
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$86,689	\$46,000	\$132,689
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$106,943</b>	<b>\$98,247</b>	<b>\$205,190</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The purpose of this request is to provide updated information to aid in land protection efforts and in the identification of potential undersized and old stream crossings to build resiliency in the Merrimack and Salmon Fall watersheds which have been identified as "at risk urban watersheds". Information collected will be made available

through outreach to municipalities and on the New Hampshire Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer System (GRANIT).

The funds provided by EPA will facilitate the reactivation of a technical advisory committee for the conductance of freshwater stream crossing assessments in New Hampshire. In a partnership between DES and the technical advisory committee, subwatersheds identified as priorities in the Merrimack and the Salmon Falls-Piscataqua River watersheds will be targeted for assessment. The assessments will allow DES to identify the most problematic stream crossings for future replacement in order to achieve long-term resiliency for stream flow conveyance. The specific aquatic organism passage and geomorphic scoring information will be provided to GRANIT for public display and for use in local and regional planning purposes. This information will assist municipalities in identifying and prioritizing stream crossings that are vulnerable to threats from increased flood events and that lead to stream crossings that improve habitat, public safety and overall ecosystem function. DES will utilize existing staff to fulfill the necessary match requirement for the EPA funding.

DES has the responsibility to manage disbursements of the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund, and there is increasing interest in allowing stream crossing replacements to be a qualifying activity for these funds. A final outcome of the grant will be developing and providing the tools municipalities can use to develop a compensatory mitigation inventory list that includes high priority land conservation sites, wetland/stream restoration sites, and stream passage improvement locations. This will prepare them for presenting valuable mitigation projects to developers seeking input on local mitigation opportunities and for applying for grants through the ARM Fund.

DES is requesting authorization to accept and expend \$99,247 in federal funds and to budget these funds as follows:

Classes 040, 041, 060 *Indirect Costs, Audit Set Aside, and Benefits* – Funds in each class respectively, are necessary since there are personnel costs and these classes are based on a percentage of personnel costs. No funds are needed for Class 42 - Additional Fringe as this expense does not apply to part-time positions.

Class 050 *Personnel Part-Time Employees* – The funds in class 050 will be used for existing staff positions. These funds will be used to supplant funding of the following position, which is currently budgeted. Funding that is budgeted in the account for the current position referenced below will either be lapsed or closed-to-control.

Position #	Title	Account (03-44-44)	Funding Mix	Amount
TMP4993	Environmentalist III	440010-1841-050	100% Other	\$39,025

Class 070 *In-State Travel* – A small amount of travel utilizing state vehicles is anticipated for the work being conducted.

Class 080 *Out-of-State Travel* – These funds will be used for staff to attend and/or present at regional conferences that relate to aquatic organism passage.

Class 102 *Contracts for Program Services* – This is for contract work to conduct research, collect information, conduct technical analysis, and draft reports in support of the project.

In the event that Federal funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support this program. We respectfully request your approval.

  
Clark B. Freise, Assistant Commissioner

**Department of Environmental Services  
Wetland Restoration and Protection  
Fiscal Situation FY2017  
03-44-44-442010-18820000**

Total Federal Award	\$ 253,714
Less Expenditures thru 6/30/16	20,477
Remaining Authorization to Budget	<u>233,237</u>
Less Current FY17 Budget Authorization	106,943
Total Available for Budgeting	<u>126,294</u>
<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	98,247
Available to Budget at a later date	<u>\$ 28,047</u>

<b>Grant Award Number</b>	<b><u>Award Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses to 6/30/16</u></b>	<b><u>Available Balance</u></b>
CD-00A00016	\$ 253,714	20,477	<u>\$ 233,237</u>

	<b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>  <b>Assistance Amendment</b>	<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 00A00016 <b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 2 <b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> CD	<b>DATE OF AWARD</b> 12/14/2016
		<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b> No Cost Amendment	<b>MAILING DATE</b> 12/14/2016
		<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b> ASAP	<b>ACH#</b> 10108
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b> State		<b>Send Payment Request to:</b> U.S. EPA Las Vegas Finance Center 4220 South Maryland Parkway, Building C, Room 503 Las Vegas, NV 89119 LVFC-grants@epa.gov	
<b>RECIPIENT:</b> New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 EIN: 02-6000618		<b>PAYEE:</b> New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
<b>PROJECT MANAGER</b> Lori Sommer 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 E-Mail: lori.sommer@des.nh.gov Phone: 603-271-4059		<b>EPA PROJECT OFFICER</b> Donna Smith 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OEP06-3 Boston, MA 02109-3912 E-Mail: Smith.Donna@epamail.epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1620	
<b>EPA GRANT SPECIALIST</b> Brian Tocci Grants Management Office, OARM05-5 E-Mail: Tocci.Brian@epamail.epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1979			
<b>PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES</b> Building Climate Change Resiliency in New Hampshire Amendment #2 approves a No-Cost Time Extension until 3/31/2018 for the Building Climate Change Resiliency Grant Agreement to New Hampshire D.E.S. The General Administrative Terms and Conditions (#1) have been updated to reflect the most recent bundled changes (effective 10/3/2016). All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged, and in full force and effect			
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b> 10/01/2015 - 03/31/2018	<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b> 10/01/2015 - 03/31/2018	<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b> \$352,355.00	<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b> \$352,355.00
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>			
Based on your Application dated 12/08/2016 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$0. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>72.08%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$253,714. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
<b>ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)</b>		<b>AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE</b>	
<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b> EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b> U.S. EPA, Region 1  5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Brian Tocci - Senior Grants Management Specialist			<b>DATE</b> 12/14/2016