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June 22, 2020

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and The Honorable Council
State House
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Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend \$165,019 in federal funds through a grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to install a network of automated radio telemetry receiving stations for monitoring migratory wildlife upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2021.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

03-75-75-751520-56310000 WILDLIFE PROGRAM – NANOTAG MOTUS CSWG –FY 2021

Class	Description	Current Budget	Change	Revised Budget
041 500801	Audit Fund Set-Aside	0	165	165
072 509073	Grants-Federal	0	<u>164,854</u>	<u>164,854</u>
	Total Expenses	0	165,019	165,019

Source of Funds:

000 401948	Federal Funds	0	<u>165,019</u>	<u>165,019</u>
	Total	0	165,019	165,019

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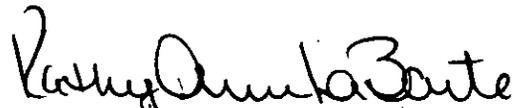
Explanation

The NH Fish & Game Department submitted and was awarded a nationally competitive grant request to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service titled: Using Nanotag Technology to Identify Landscape-Scale Habitat Use of Multiple SGCN in New England. NHFG was not notified of the grant acceptance until winter 2020 so this awarded money was not included in the FY21 budget. The Audubon Society of New Hampshire and Willistown Conservation Trust will be performing as sub-recipients to implement the project components, as identified in and required by the approved grant. The project involves installing a network of automated radio telemetry receiving stations used to monitor migratory wildlife affixed with radio tags. The Audubon Society of New Hampshire and Willistown Conservation Trust were chosen to lead this project component because of multiple experienced staff ready to implement the project and these organizations will be providing all of the necessary required non-federal matching funds. Therefore, NHFG will be providing 100% federal funds for these agreements.

Respectful submitted,



Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division



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RE: 2019 Competitive State Wildlife Grants Award

Dear Mr. Normandeau:

Congratulations! This letter provides the official notification of the 2019 Competitive State Wildlife Grant awards.

We are pleased to announce that the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will receive Competitive State Wildlife Grant funds in the amount of \$405,480 for the project titled "Using Nanotag Technology to Identify Landscape-scale Habitat Use of Multiple SGCN in New England." Grant funds will be used to support important research on migratory species by installing 50 new automated telemetry stations, strategically arranged in "fence lines" that intercept major migration pathways through New England and in clusters around known or suspected migration stopover areas.

Your project leader and federal aid coordinator have already received an informal notification of the grant award and guidance regarding next steps to finalizing the grant documents. In addition to New Hampshire, the states of Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania are accepting grant funds and must submit an Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) to obligate their portion of the awarded funds, along with NEPA and Section 7 compliance documentation. These states must also prepare and submit individual annual financial status and performance reports.

New Hampshire will assume the lead in coordinating most aspects of the grant including: providing a single project narrative for all states to use; coordinating monitoring of grant performance; and writing a final performance report that summarizes overall results with specific data from all participating states.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dee Blanton, Wildlife Biologist, at 413-253-8513, or by email at dee_blanton@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Colleen Sculley
Chief, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

cc: Randy Curtis