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DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
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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

- 1) Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of promoting, protecting and investing in the state's natural, cultural and historical resources pursuant to RSA 261:97-b, I, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Agency Income.

03-035-035-350010-34050000					
Conservation Plate Funds					
Class	Description	Account	FY 2021 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY 2021 Revised Budget
Revenue					
008	Agency Income	405368	(1,022,533)	(300,000)	(1,322,533)
009	Agency Income	405391	(69,512)		(69,512)
	Totals:		(1,092,045)	(300,000)	(1,392,045)
Expense					
020	Current Expenses	500200	77,320		77,320
029	Intra-Agency Transfers	500290	180,000		180,000
048	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	500226	237,742		237,742
050	Personal Service Temp Appoi	500109	10,000		10,000
060	Benefits	500601	157		157
069	Promotional Marketing Exp	500567	52,703		52,703
073	Grants Non Federal	509074	104,490	300,000	404,490
102	Contracts For Program Servi	500731	110,000		110,000
103	Contracts For Op Services	502507	319,632		319,632
	Totals:		1,092,045	300,000	1,392,045

EXPLANATION

In accordance to RSA 261:97-b, I, DNCR is designated to promote use and conservation of cultural resources in New Hampshire. DNCR is requesting \$300,000 in carry forward fund revenue to be appropriated for FY 2021 as identified in the above table. These additional funding is necessary to continue to fulfill the requirements of the use of this dedicated fund through local promotional grants to promote and preserve our cultural resources and cultural heritage for all citizens of New Hampshire.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 073 – Grants Non Federal – Appropriation is being increased to be used for issuance of non-federal grants from this dedicated fund (Conservation Plate Fund) to municipalities, organizations and individuals who receive awards from cultural resource preservation and promotion grant programs established by the Division of Historical Resources, Council on the Arts and State Library.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

Justification:

1) Does transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects? Yes. This transfer involves the continuation of programs and projects that facilitate the promotion, protection, and investment in the state's natural, cultural, and historic resources.

2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level. It is required to maintain the existing program level.

3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory. RSA 261:97

4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer. 100% Agency Income. Conservation Plate Fund.

5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved? Revenue will not be affected by this transfer.

6) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved? No. This Dedicated Fund is non-lapsing.

7) Are personnel services involved? If yes, answer the following: There are no personnel services involved with the transfer request.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner