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Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Ken Weyler, 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
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a:VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend additional federal funds in the amount of $158,706 from the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act (WIIN), through the Environmental Protection Agency, for small and disadvantaged water systems to provide funding assistance for improvements to their drinking water systems, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal funds.

2. Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a authorize the Department of Environmental Services to transfer funds in the amount of $66,033 between classes for the purpose of awarding grants to disadvantaged water systems, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal funds.

Funding is to be budgeted as follows:

Public Water System Assistance
03-44-44-442010-21870000
FY2021

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Transfer of Appropriation	Additional Funds	Revised Budget
Income					
000-404215	Federal Funds	($261,294)	$0	($158,706)	($420,000)
Expenditures					
020-500200	Current Expense	$3,500	($3,500)		$0
030-500302	Equipment	$850	($850)		$0
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$3,183	($3,183)		$0
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$261		$159	$420
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$2,250	($2,250)		$0
059-500117	Salary Temp Employees	$30,000	($30,000)		$0

Class Con't	Budget Category	Current Budget	Transfer of Appropriation	Additional Funds	Revised Budget
060-500601	Benefits	$20,000	($20,000)		$0
066-500546	Employee Training	$500	($500)		$0
070-500704	In-State Travel	$500	($500)		$0
072-500573	Grants Federal	$195,000	$66,033	$158,547	$419,580
080-500716	Out Of State Travel	$250	($250)		$0
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$5,000	($5,000)		$0
	TOTAL	$261,294	$0	$158,706	$420,000

EXPLANATION

Funding in the amount of $420,000 is being provided to NHDES to provide assistance in the form of subawards to disadvantaged and underserved water systems to address the most basic and fundamental need for water supply capacity. The purpose of this request is to budget additional funds from the WIIN grant received after the closing of the previous budget cycle. At the time the FY20/21 Operating budget was prepared, NHDES did not anticipate receiving this level of funding. The Department will provide the required 45% match ($343,636) from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund approved by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Advisory Commission on February 10, 2020.

Funds are being transferred between existing classes in order to provide the maximum amount in grant funding to eligible small and disadvantaged water systems for resolving drinking water source issues. Existing staff will be used to implement this grant program.

NHDES is requesting authorization to accept and expend additional WIIN grant funds and to budget these funds as follows:

Classes 041 *Audit Fund Set Aside* – 1/10 of 1% of the total grant award as required.

Class 072 *Federal Grants* – The funds in class 072 will be used to provide grants to small and disadvantaged water systems that meet the required criteria outlined in the workplan approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support this program.

We respectively request your approval.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ASSISTANCE
FISCAL SITUATION FY21
03-44-44-442010-21870000

Total Federal	$420,000
Less Expenditures thru 06/30/2020	$0
Remaining Authorization to Budget	$420,000
Less Current FY21 Budget Authorization	$261,294
Total Available for Budgeting	$158,706
REQUESTED ACTION	$158,706
Available to Budget at a later date	$0

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2020	Balance
L800A00742	$420,000	$0	$420,000
TOTAL	$420,000	$0	$420,000

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Grant Agreement

GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A00742 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: L8	DATE OF AWARD 09/30/2020
TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 10/07/2020
PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10108

RECIPIENT TYPE:
State

Send Payment Request to:
U.S. EPA RTP-Finance Center
4930 Page Road
Mail Code AA216-01
Durham, NC 27703
rtpfc-grants@epa.gov

RECIPIENT:	PAYEE:
New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 EIN: 02-6000618	New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION
Grants to Disadvantaged and Underserved Water Systems

This agreement is to an eligible state or tribe to implement a program to provide drinking water program assistance to underserved, small and disadvantaged communities. Funds are to carry out projects and activities needed for public water systems to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, programs to provide household water quality testing, and activities for a state to respond to a drinking water contaminant.

BUDGET PERIOD	PROJECT PERIOD	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST
10/01/2020 - 09/30/2023	10/01/2020 - 09/30/2023	$763,636.00	$763,636.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Based on your Application dated 09/16/2020 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards $420,000. EPA agrees to cost-share 55.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of $420,000. 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.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)	AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division	DATE 09/30/2020