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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
NH STATE LIBRARY

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May 14, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library, to accept donations of $1,500 and $2,500 from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust and The Byrne Foundation respectively effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

2. Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library to budget and expend $8,177.60 comprised of the above donations of $4,000 and prior year carry forward funds in the amount of $4,177.60, for the purpose of payment to NH public libraries for specific programming to support the NH Summer Reading Program (Kids Books and the Arts, or Summer Learning), upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Other Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal year 2021 as follows:

03-035-035-350010-22700000, NH Summer Reading Program

Class-Account	Description	FY21 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Change	Revised FY21 Adjusted Authorized
Revenue				
005-405837	Private Local Funds	0	($8,177)	($8,177)
Expense				
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	0	$8,177	$8,177

EXPLANATION

DNCR is requesting $8,177.60 in carry forward fund revenue from the State Library Donations account to be appropriated for FY 2021. The NH Summer Reading Program is dedicated to supporting programming needs for New Hampshire public libraries during the summer reading months when school is not in session in order to prevent a decline in literacy levels for K-12 students. This funding is for New Hampshire public libraries who apply for this money using specified criteria and are awarded funds based on the merit of their application, as reviewed by State Library staff.

Funds are being budgeted in class 102 for expenses related to contracts between NH public libraries and summer reading program providers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner