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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS
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June 7, 2021

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau, to accept and expend grant funds received from the Department of Safety (DOS), Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) in the amount of $20,000 for the purchase of a Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) for emergency preparedness capability enhancements effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through August 31, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted in FY2021 in the following account:

03-35-35-351010-35200000 – DNCR, Forests and Lands – Forest Protection

Class-Account	Description	Current FY21 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY21 Adjusted Authorized
001-405893	Transfers From Other Agency	($13,792.00)	$0	($13,792)
004-408189	Intra Agency Transfers	($34,539)	$0	($34,539)
00S-000010	General Funds	($1,415,071)	$0	($1,415,071)
00D-488523	Fed Rev Xfers Fr Oth Agenc	($27,781)	($20,000)	($47,781)
	Total Revenue	**($1,491,183)**	**($20,000)**	**($1,511,183)**
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Class	$770,945	$0	$770,945
018-500106	Overtime	$13,099	$0	$13,099
020-500200	Current Expenses	$9,187	$0	$9,187
023-500291	Heat Electricity Water	$700	$0	$700
026-500251	Organizational Dues	$5,400	$0	$5,400
030-500311	Equipment New Replacement	$23,850	$20,000	$43,850
039-500190	Telecommunications	$15,000	$0	$15,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$6,681	$0	$6,681
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoint	$37,245	$0	$37,245
060-500602	Benefits	$543,548	$0	$543,548
070-500705	In State Travel Reimbursement	$41,740	$0	$41,740
080-500710	Out of State Travel Reimbursement	$500	$0	$500
103-502664	Contracts for Op Services	$15,575		$15,575
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	$7,713	$0	$7,713
	Total Expenses	**$1,491,183**	**$20,000**	**$1,511,183**

EXPLANATION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests & Lands is requesting authorization to accept and expend funds from HSEM for emergency preparedness capability enhancements that will be authorized as part of an FFY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), which was awarded to the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Under the authority of RSA 227-G:3 and 227-L:1, the Division of Forests and Lands calculates daily wildfire danger throughout the state, as part of the program to reduce the incidence and severity of wildfires. The Division operates 3 Remote automated Weather Stations (RAWS) and the White Mountain National Forest operates 1 RAWS for a total of 4 throughout the state.

Currently, we do not have any RAWS coverage in the southwestern part of the state and the funds received through this grant will pay for a new RAWS to fill the gap and provide important weather information. This weather information will be part of the national network and is made public for use by the general public, other emergency response agencies and will provide up-to-date, accurate, local weather conditions for Monadnock State Park to use for hiker awareness and during Search and Rescue operations.

The following appropriation is being requested for Fiscal Year 2021:

Class 30 – New equipment - $20,000, to pay for purchase of RAWS weather station.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Hackley

Patrick D. Hackley
Director

Concurred,

CSM

Sarah Stewart

Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
AND
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

FFY'20 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

CFDA #97.042

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to provide funding in the amount of $20,000.00 to the Division of Forests and Lands, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to purchase and install a Remote Automated Data Weather Station (RAWS) in Jaffrey, NH. The funding of this RAWS will enhance the Fire weather monitoring capabilities. This information is also available publicly on the internet for state and local Emergency Management agencies to access in real time during all hazard events. Primary data includes wind direction and speed, relative humidity, ambient air temperature, dew point, and rainfall. In addition, the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) that was updated in 2020 and requires more weather stations for the system to accurately determine fire danger class day predictions. NH Division of Forests and Lands works closely with the National Weather Service and White Mountain National Forest maintaining annual operating plans (to include fire weather monitoring and weather station maintenance) with each of those agencies.

II. PARTIES

The parties to this agreement are New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (hereinafter DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands and New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (hereinafter HSEM).

III. AUTHORITY

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), awarded by HSEM, supports activities associated with all-hazard planning and preparedness capabilities and activities, to include mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to provide funding in the amount of $20,000.00 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands to purchase and install a Remote Automated Data Weather Station (RAWS) in Jaffrey, NH. The funding of this RAWS will enhance their Fire weather monitoring capabilities. This information is also available publicly on the internet for state and local Emergency Management agencies to access in real time during all hazard events. Primary data includes wind direction and speed, relative humidity, ambient air temperature, dew point, and rainfall. In addition, the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) was updated in 2020 and requires more weather stations for the system to accurately determine fire danger class day predictions. NH Division of Forests and Lands works closely with the National Weather Service and White Mountain National Forest maintaining annual operating plans (to include fire weather monitoring and weather station maintenance) with each of those agencies.

HSEM agrees to provide financial assistance to DNCR in support of the tasks listed above, in accordance with Section V. The financial assistance to be provided by HSEM (FFY 2020 EMPG Program) under this MOA requires a contribution of 50% of the total amount in matching

contribution of the total project amount. The match requirement will be met by DNCR through Emergency Management activities via the development of an activity code in the NH First system. Additionally, DNCR will use state funds to maintain their current weather stations which will be used as hard match. The combination of in-kind and hard match will meet the grant requirements.

DNCR shall maintain financial records, supporting documents, and all other pertinent records for a period of three (3) years. In these records, DNCR shall maintain documentation of the 50% cost share required by this grant and agreed upon by DNCR.

V. FUNDING

Upon approval of the MOA, DNCR will appropriate the funds to make payment to the vendor and forward the invoice from the vendor for the RAWS equipment to HSEM who will then transfer the necessary amount (not to exceed the agreed upon $20,000) to DNCR. DNCR will provide HSEM subsequent confirmation of receipt of payment by the vendor and that payment has been applied and the invoice paid in full.

DNCR shall maintain financial records, supporting documents, and all other pertinent records for a period of three (3) years. In these records, DNCR shall maintain documentation of the 50% cost match required by this grant and agreed upon by DNCR.

Supporting documentation shall consist of an invoice from the vendor showing proof of cost and proof of payment for the equipment purchased, shipping cost and services rendered.

VI. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this agreement by providing a written notice for documentation purposes to the other thirty (30) days prior to termination.

VII. DURATION

This agreement shall continue in effect from the date of Governor and Council approval until August 31, 2022, unless terminated earlier by either party.

VIII. AGREEMENT

In WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement, which shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire approve the agreement.

NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	**NH Department of Safety**
Sarah Stewart	
Sarah L. Stewart Commissioner	Robert L. Quinn Commissioner
May 17, 2021	6-3-21
Date	Date

NH Department of Safety, HSEM

Jennifer Harper, Director

5/18/2021

Date

Approved by the Attorney General this _____ day of _____, 2021, as to form, execution and substance.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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