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April 20, 2021

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

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) requests authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forest and Lands (VC# 314716-B001) for emergency preparedness capability enhancements for a total amount of \$20,000.00. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2022. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the SFY 2021 operating budget as follows:

02-23-23-236010-80920000	Dept. of Safety – Homeland Sec-Emer Mgmt – 100% EMPG Local Match	<u>SFY 2021</u>
072-588544	Grants to Other State Agencies - Federal	\$20,000.00
Activity Code: 23EMPG 2020		

Explanation

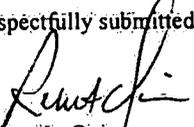
This MOA between the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) provides funding to purchase and install a Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) in Jaffrey, NH. This RAWS will enhance the fire weather monitoring capabilities of the State and provide public information in real-time for agencies to access during hazardous events.

The MOA listed above is funded from the FFY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), which was awarded to the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant funds are to be used to measurably improve all-hazard planning and preparedness capabilities/activities, to include mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives at the state and local level. Grant guidance and applications are available to all Emergency Management Directors and other qualified organizations in the State. Subrecipients submit applications to this office, which are reviewed by the HSEM Planning Chief, Assistant Planning Chief and Field Representatives and approved by the HSEM Director. The criteria for approval are based on grant eligibility in accordance with the grant's current guidance and the documented needs of the local jurisdictions.

The Emergency Management Performance Grants are 50% federally funded by FEMA with a 50% match requirement supplied by the subrecipient. The subrecipient acknowledges their match obligation as part of Section V of the MOA.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner of Natural and Cultural Resources

**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

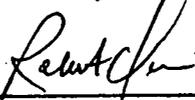


Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

May 17, 2021

Date

NH Department of Safety



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner

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Date

NH Department of Safety, HSEM



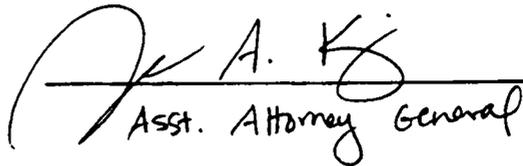
Jennifer Harper Director

5/18/2021

Date

Approved by the Attorney General this 16th day of June, 2021, as to form, execution and substance.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Asst. Attorney General