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DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
NH STATE LIBRARY

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November 23, 2021

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$33,579, for the purpose as authorized in RSA 201-A:10 to purchase books or other supplies or facilities for the State Library, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2022. 100% Other Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022 as follows:

03-035-035-350010-22650000, Donations - Gifts

Class-Account	Description	FY22 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Change	Revised FY22 Adjusted Authorized
Revenue				
003-402770	Revolving Fund	(\$94,000)	(\$33,579)	(127,579)
Total Revenue		(\$94,000)	(\$33,579)	(127,579)
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
030-500300	Equipment	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
039-500181	Telecommunications	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
057-500534	Books Periodicals Subscriptions	\$48,000	\$30,579	\$78,579
073-500575	Grants Non-Federal	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
103-502507	Contracts for Ops Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Total Expenses		\$94,000	\$33,579	\$127,579

The following appropriation authorities are being requested for Fiscal Year 2022:

Class 057 – Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions \$30,579: For the purchase of replacement or new materials for the NHSL and Talking Books collections

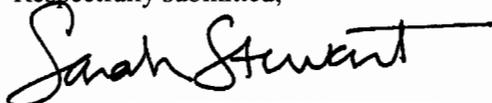
Class 073 – Grants Non-Federal \$3,000: For outside non-federal grants obtained by NHSL library development staff to implement programming for NH public libraries. An example is the annual Summer Learning Grants, which facilitates the ability of small libraries throughout the state to provide summer reading program performers for their community.

EXPLANATION

DNCR is requesting additional \$33,579 in prior year carry forward fund revenue from the State Library Donations account to be appropriated for FY 2022. The majority of these monies (\$30,579) are from outside individuals/organizations in support of collections, facilities, supplies, and programs that support the needs of NH library personnel and the NH state library staff. The other funds (\$3,000) under Grants Non-Federal is for providing additional grants to support 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, from outside non-profit agency grants, 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. We anticipate receiving more funding from outside non-profit agencies to provide these grants, so we need to budget for this additional money now prior to the grant application period.

Earlier in Fiscal Year 2022, DNCR requested and received Governor and Executive Council approval to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$94,000. The cumulative total with the action requested herein is over the \$100,000 threshold therefore requires Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah L. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner