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January 28, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) to accept and expend funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, entitled New Hampshire State Indoor Radon Grant to fund the NH Radon Program in the amount of \$224,842 effective upon approval by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-90-901510-53910000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF PUBLIC HLTH PREVENTION, RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH FEES
SFY 22**

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-406763	Federal Funds	\$144,115	\$0	\$144,115
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$0	\$134,842	\$134,842
001-484923	Transfer from Other Agencies	\$138,332	\$0	\$138,332
009-403119	Agency Income	\$2,433,297	\$0	\$2,433,297
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$2,715,743	\$134,842	\$2,850,585
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$785,472	\$0	\$785,472
018-500106	Overtime	\$37,330	\$0	\$37,330
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$48,384	\$14,375	\$62,759
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$4,702	\$0	\$4,702
022-500248	Rents-Lease Other than State Bldg	\$1,271	\$0	\$1,271
024-500225	Maintenance Other than Bldg Grd	\$11,563	\$0	\$11,563
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,460	\$0	\$1,460
030-500311	Equipment	\$242,420	\$0	\$242,420
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$542	\$400	\$942
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$312	\$0	\$312
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$51,861	\$0	\$51,861

050-500109	Personal Service – Temp	\$132,329	\$0	\$132,329
057-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	\$1,511	\$0	\$1,511
059-500117	Temp Full-time	\$142,983	\$0	\$142,983
060-500601	Benefits	\$583,033	\$0	\$583,033
066-500543	Employee Training	\$18,764	\$1,000	\$19,764
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$18,701	\$250	\$18,951
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$30,257	\$4,600	\$34,857
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$164,655	\$114,217	\$278,872
Total Expenses		\$2,279,549	\$134,842	\$2,414,391

FY 2023

Class/Object	Class Title	Current Modified Budget	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
000-406763	Federal Funds	\$47,351	\$0	\$47,351
000-400146	Federal Funds	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000
001-484923	Transfer from Other Agencies	\$65,184	\$0	\$65,184
009-403119	Agency Income	\$1,418,527	\$0	\$1,418,527
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$1,531,062	\$90,000	\$1,621,062
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$781,086	\$0	\$781,086
018-500106	Overtime	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$15,000	\$14,375	\$29,375
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600
022-500248	Rents-Lease Other than State Bldg	\$800	\$0	\$800
024-500225	Maintenance Other than Bldg Grd	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$750	\$0	\$750
030-500311	Equipment	\$61,800	\$0	\$61,800
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
039-500180	Telecommunications	\$300	\$400	\$700
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$36	\$90	\$126
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$34,560	\$0	\$34,560
050-500109	Personal Service – Temp	\$8,413	\$0	\$8,413
057-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	\$500	\$0	\$500
059-500117	Temp Full-time	\$76,175	\$0	\$76,175
060-500601	Benefits	\$471,072	\$0	\$471,072
066-500543	Employee Training	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$6,500	\$4,600	\$11,100
102-500731	Contracts for Program Serv	\$50,000	\$69,535	\$119,535
Total Expenses		\$1,531,062	\$90,000	\$1,621,062

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept grant funds available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to administer the New Hampshire (NH) Radon Program in support of its activities linked with the Federal State Indoor Radon Grant.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) recognizes that radon risk is a health priority and secured matching funds (40%) that have allowed the DPHS to apply to the EPA for the State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) funding. Governor Christopher T. Sununu designated DHHS as the authorized state agency to apply for SIRG funding and notified the EPA of this in a letter dated July 28, 2018. The reestablishment of a state Radon Program is an important addition to the services that DPHS provides to New Hampshire residents, and the NH Radon Program is well positioned and qualified to perform the work required by the EPA for a SIRG funded state Radon Program. New Hampshire is the “granite state”, and granite is one of the rock types associated with higher uranium content. As radon is a radioactive decay product of uranium, radon is commonly found in New Hampshire buildings and homes. During New Hampshire’s residential radon survey that took place from 1988 to 2011, airborne radon data collected from 25,476 homes demonstrated that an estimated 30% of these homes had radon levels above the EPA Action Level of 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). These funds will support a number of grant-related activities including: supporting distribution of radon test kits statewide, engaging partners such as radon mitigation specialists, developing outreach and education materials, and responding to community concerns.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 020 The funds will be used to support supplies such as printing of outreach materials and postage to distribute these outreach materials.
- Class 039 The funds will be used to support telecommunication costs.
- Class 041 The funds will be used to support required audit set aside.
- Class 066 The funds will be used to support staff training including attendance at regional and national workshops and conferences such as the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) and the New England AARST Conference.
- Class 070 The funds will be used to support travel to meet with local partners such as home builders and mitigators, and to attend NH-specific conferences and tradeshow.
- Class 080 The funds will be used to support travel to regional and national conferences such as the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) and the New England AARST Conference as well as any meetings with EPA Region I in Boston, MA.
- Class 102 The funds will support an existing contract with Alpha Energies (established May 2021) as well as the Community Health Institute (CHI) (established January 2022). The Alpha Energy Contract will support distribution of radon test kits to NH residents as well as creation of a customized data portal. The CHI Contract will support stakeholder outreach, social media outreach, creation of outreach materials, and technical assistance.

In response to the anticipated two-part question, “Can these funds be used to offset General Funds?” and “What is the compelling reason for not offsetting General Funds?” the Division offers the following information: The funds are provided for a specified purpose by EPA as defined in the Notice of Grant Award and cannot be used to offset general funds. This grant was originally awarded to DHHS in September 2019 and was added to the budget through Fiscal Committee approval on November 8, 2019, FIS 19-285 and Governor and Council approval on November 25, 2019, Item #16. When working through the biennium budget for SFY22-23, we overlooked adding these funds into our request and recently realized this error.

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Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

If Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,


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Commissioner

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00162330 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 2 PROGRAM CODE: K1	DATE OF AWARD 04/08/2021
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 04/08/2021
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10136
		RECIPIENT TYPE: State	
RECIPIENT: NHDHHS - New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852 EIN: 02-6000618		PAYEE: New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852	
PROJECT MANAGER Owen David 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852 E-Mail: owen.david.dhhs.nh.gov Phone: 603-271-4052	EPA PROJECT OFFICER Dan Burke 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, 05-2 Boston, MA 02109-3912 E-Mail: Burke.Dan@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1285	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Trevor Tavano Grants Management Branch, 05-5 E-Mail: Tavano.Trevor@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1235	
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES State Indoor Radon Program Amendment #2 approves a Time Extension through 06/30/2022 for New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. All Terms and Conditions remain unchanged, and in full force and effect. Page 2 of this award shows a \$1 decrease to the Local Contribution and a \$1 increase to the State Contribution, thus cancelling each other. No additional entities have been added to this project. This is a temporary work-around as EPA implements a new national grants system. There are no changes to the federal and non-federal amounts of the agreement.			
BUDGET PERIOD 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2022	PROJECT PERIOD 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2022	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$200,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$200,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 05/17/2019 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$0 EPA agrees to cost-share 60.00 of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$120,000.00. 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	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS EPA R1 R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Trevor Tavano			DATE 04/08/2021

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recipient Contribution	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
State Contribution	\$0	\$1	\$1
Local Contribution	\$0	(\$1)	(\$1)
Other Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allowable Project Cost	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.032 - State Indoor Radon Program	Indoor Radon Abatement Act: Sec. 306, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2006	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR 35 Subpart A

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00162331 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1 PROGRAM CODE: K1	DATE OF AWARD 04/08/2021
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 04/08/2021
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10136
		RECIPIENT TYPE: State	
RECIPIENT: NHDHHS - New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852 EIN: 02-6000618		PAYEE: New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852	
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PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES New Hampshire State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) 31 Amendment #1 approves a Time Extension through 06/30/2022 for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. All Terms and Conditions remain unchanged, and in full force and effect. Page 2 of this award shows a \$1 decrease to the Local Contribution and a \$1 increase to the State Contribution, thus cancelling each other. No additional entities have been added to this project. This is a temporary work-around as EPA implements a new national grants system. There are no changes to the federal and non-federal amounts of the agreement.			
BUDGET PERIOD 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2022	PROJECT PERIOD 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2022	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$200,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$200,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 05/06/2020 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$0 EPA agrees to cost-share 60.00 of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$120,000.00. 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.			
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
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EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recipient Contribution	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
State Contribution	\$0	\$1	\$1
Local Contribution	\$0	(\$1)	(\$1)
Other Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allowable Project Cost	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.032 - State Indoor Radon Program	Indoor Radon Abatement Act: Sec. 306, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2006	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR 35 Subpart A

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00162332 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: K1	DATE OF AWARD 09/13/2021
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 09/20/2021
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10136
		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT TYPE: State		PAYEE: New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852	
RECIPIENT: New Hampshire D.H.H.S. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852 EIN: 02-6000618			
PROJECT MANAGER Kathleen Bush 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3852 E-Mail: Kathleen.F.Bush@dhhs.nh.gov Phone: 603-270-1106		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Dan Burke 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, 05-2 Boston, MA 02109 E-Mail: Burke.Dan@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1285	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Trevor Tavano Grants Management Branch, 05-5 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109 E-Mail: Tavano.Trevor@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1235
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION New Hampshire State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) 32 The goal of this program is to provide radon risk reduction through activities that will result in increased radon testing, mitigation and radon resistant new construction. The recipient will implement a state/tribal program of radon related projects in homes, schools, or other buildings, including 1) Public Information, outreach, education; 2) Programs to control radon in existing and new structures; and 3) Demonstration of radon mitigation methods and technologies.			
BUDGET PERIOD 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022	PROJECT PERIOD 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$200,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$200,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 04/14/2021 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$90,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 60.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$90,000.00. 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			
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EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recipient Contribution	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000
State Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allowable Project Cost	\$0	\$170,000	\$170,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.032 - State Indoor Radon Grants	Indoor Radon Abatement Act: Sec 306 & Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2006 (PL 109-54)	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR 35 Subpart A

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
	210101G061	21	E1	01V4	000A05	4164			\$90,000
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