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The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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October 31, 2022

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), under the provisions of RSA 486, to award state aid grant funds for wastewater facility projects for the following four entities in the aggregate amount of $2,509,531 as detailed in the table below, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
Town of Salem	177472 B001	$151,351
City of Rochester	177467 B002	$709,190
Town of Durham	177383 B001	$633,139
City of Dover	177380 B005	$1,015,851

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	FY 2023	After FY 2023
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580 Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants - Non-Federal	$171,993	$2,337,538

EXPLANATION

Wastewater state aid grant (SAG) funds provide financial assistance to NH municipalities to offset the eligible costs of planning, engineering, and construction of sewage disposal facilities. Over the term of the debt service the state will reimburse the entity 20% to 30% of the eligible costs incurred during the design and construction of the wastewater facility, plus a proportionate share of interest on borrowing for the project. Project costs for components related to septage and sludge handling and treatment facilities qualify for an additional 10% to 30% reimbursement ("SAG Plus").

Effective July 1, 2022, House Bill 398 appropriated general funds for the purpose of funding eligible wastewater projects under RSA 486.

Attached is a tabulation of the State Aid Grants showing the effect of this action on appropriated funds. Additional information regarding these projects is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WATER DIVISION – WASTEWATER ENGINEERING BUREAU

STATE AID GRANTS
(03-44-44-442010-1003-073)

The effect of this request on appropriated funds is shown below:

		FY 2023
FY 2023 Appropriation		$5,735,248
Less: New Grants Awarded to Date		$2,207,686
Less: Current Request		
C-948 Salem		$2,558
C-949 Rochester		$43,965
C-950 Durham		$10,869
C-951 Durham		$22,150
C-952 Dover		$92,451
	Total	$171,993
Balance Remaining for New Grants		$3,355,569

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WASTEWATER STATE AID GRANTS
EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for sewage disposal facilities under RSA 486.

Municipality: Salem, NH

State Grant Number: C-948

Project: West Duston Road Area Utility Improvements

Description: Sewer, water, and drainage infrastructure improvements and road reconstruction of approximately 4,100 linear feet on West Duston Road, Lakeside Street, Lakeview Street, Community Street, and McGrath Street.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $756,751

Grant Award: $151,351 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 10 years

Municipality: Rochester, NH

State Grant Number: C-949

Project: Colonial Pines Phase 2 Sewer Extension

Description: The second of a four-phase program that provided sewer treatment to an area served by septic systems, many of which performed poorly or experienced failure. The project included the installation of approximately 7,425 linear feet of sewer main, 9,500 linear feet of sewer service, 560 linear feet of water main and 5,610 linear feet of storm drain.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $3,545,949

Grant Award: $709,190 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Durham, NH

State Grant Number: C-950

Project: WWTF Grit System Upgrade

Description: Installation of a new grit blower, a coarse bubble air header/diffusers system, a submerged grit screw and a submersible grit pump for the second aerated grit chamber, and the relocation and replacement of the existing grit blower and the grit classifier common to both trains.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $985,456

Grant Award: $197,091 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Durham, NH

State Grant Number: C-951

Project: Dover Road Pump Station Force Main Upgrade

Description: Replacement of 53-year-old 18-inch diameter asbestos cement force main with approximately 2,800 linear feet of 20-inch diameter HDPE force main between the Dover Road Pump Station and the WWTF to eliminate the release of untreated sewage. Also included was approximately 3,100 linear feet of 8-inch diameter HDPE water main along the same route.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $2,180,240

Grant Award: $436,048 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Dover, NH

State Grant Number: C-952

Project: Varney Brook Pump Station

Description: Replacement of an approximately 40-year-old wastewater pump station that reached the end of its useful life. The existing pumps and piping were replaced, a channel grinder was installed, and upgrades were made to the station's electrical components including a new standby generator, instrumentation and controls, and improvements to the structure including heating and ventilation systems to bring the building up to current building codes.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $3,386,168

Grant Award: $1,015,851 (30% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years