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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chair
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 RSA 9:16-c, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Parks and Recreation, to transfer funds in the amount of \$60,000 to establish two new appropriation classes, effective upon the approval of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in the following account:

03-035-035-351510-37170000 - LW Conservation Fund Grants

Class-Account-RG	Class Description	FY23 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY23 Adjusted Authorized
000-404951-16	Federal Funds	\$14,358,865		\$14,358,865
	Total Revenue	\$14,358,865	\$0	\$14,358,865
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$50,000	(\$40,000)	\$10,000
029-500290	Transfers within an Agency	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
040-501587	Indirect Costs	\$98,360		\$98,360
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$12,312		\$12,312
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$69,733	(\$20,000)	\$49,733
072-500573	Grants Federal	\$14,128,460		\$14,128,460
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Serv	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Total Expenses	\$14,358,865	\$0	\$14,358,865

EXPLANATION

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal financial assistance program funded from offshore oil and gas lease revenues and is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) at #15-916. It is apportioned annually to the States and Territories by the US Department of the Interior through the National Park Service (NPS). The program apportionments are received and managed by

DNCR for the State. LWCF assistance may be used by the State for the acquisition and/or development of outdoor public recreational lands. The State may also pass assistance through sub-grants to local units of government for the same program purposes. This request is to establish new classes and transfer funds in order to better align appropriations for program expenses.

The following appropriation adjustments are being requested:

Class 22 – Rentals-Leases Other Than State: Appropriation reduction due to reduction in rental equipment necessary for LWCF assisted projects on state lands. Any further rental of equipment will be funded by contracts.

Class 29 – Transfers within an Agency: Added appropriations to fund costs of DNCR direct staff support from Land Survey Bureau to save costs on the need for a survey consultation contract. These staff are already budgeted within DNCR so no new staff are being requested.

Class 47 – Own Forces Maintenance-B&G: Appropriation reduction driven by a shift in needing less own force maintenance supplies and materials for work performed by staff to conduct maintenance and development activities for LWCF assisted projects on state lands.

Class 103 – Contracts for Operational Services: Added appropriations to fund short term rental equipment contracting needs in the course of completing maintenance and development activities for LWCF assisted projects on state lands.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

Justification:

- 1) **Does transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?**
 - a) Yes, this transfer involves the continuation of the LWCF program and projects.
- 2) **Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?**
 - a) Yes, it is required to maintain the existing program level.
- 3) **Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory.**
 - a) There are no such requirements.
- 4) **Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.**
 - a) 100% Federal Funds, via the Land and Water Conservation Fund (CFDA #15-916).
- 5) **Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?**
 - a) No, revenue will not be affected.
- 6) **Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?**
 - a) Yes, federal funds obligated under approved grant projects will lapse after the period of performance established within each individual grant agreement between DNCR and NPS.

7) **Are personnel services involved? If yes, answer the following:**

a) Number of Positions budgeted in each account

There are 3 positions budgeted in our Land Conservation account

b) Number of positions filled in each account

All Positions are currently filled

c) Reason for vacant positions

There are no vacant positions

d) Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts?

No positions have been transferred previously

e) Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request?

No positions will be transferred.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner