



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. 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 three entities in the aggregate amount of \$36,801,556 as detailed in the table below, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
City of Concord	177376 B001	\$675,468
City of Nashua	177441 B006	\$1,094,632
City of Portsmouth	177463 B001	\$35,031,456

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>After FY 2023</u>
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	\$2,300,591	\$34,500,965
Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants-Non Federal		

2. Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to amend a state aid grant award to the City of Dover (VC 177380 B005), Varney Brook Pump Station project (C-952), to increase the grant amount by \$15,127, to \$1,030,978 from \$1,015,851, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The original grant award was approved by Governor & Council on November 22, 2022, Item No. 107. Funding is 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>After FY 2023</u>
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	\$0	\$15,127
Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants-Non Federal		

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.

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Regarding Requested Action #2, additional grant eligible costs have been identified for the City of Dover, Varney Brook Pump Station project, which will slightly increase payments in future fiscal years.

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

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:

		<u>FY 2023</u>
FY 2023 Appropriation		\$5,735,248
Less New Grants Awarded to Date		<u>\$2,498,034</u>
Balance Available for New Grants		\$3,237,214
Less Current Request		
	C-956 Concord	\$29,352
	C-957 Concord	\$10,282
	C-958 Concord	\$23,615
	C-959 Portsmouth	\$2,171,484
	C-960 Nashua	<u>\$65,858</u>
	Total	\$2,300,591
Balance Remaining for New Grants		\$936,623

**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: Concord, NH

State Grant Number: C-956

Project: Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility Primary Clarifier Upgrade

Description: Replacement of the internal mechanical equipment within the two primary clarifiers at the Hall Street wastewater treatment facility.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,459,551

Grant Award: \$291,910 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 15 years

Municipality: Concord, NH

State Grant Number: C-957

Project: Hannah Dustin Pump Station Upgrade

Description: Replacement of the existing pump station, whose equipment had reached the end of its useful life.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$525,542

Grant Award: \$105,108 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Concord, NH

State Grant Number: C-958

Project: Hall Street Pump Stations HVAC Upgrades

Description: Replacement of the HVAC infrastructure in the pump stations located at the Hall Street wastewater treatment facility.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,392,246

Grant Award: \$278,450 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 15 years

Municipality: Portsmouth, NH

State Grant Number: C-959

Project: Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Description: This project brought the facility into compliance with the U.S. EPA requirements. The project included demolition of several buildings and construction of new facilities (new headworks building, gravity thickener, and two-stage Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) system; replacement of the existing Administration Building with a new Solids Building; replacement of the first floor of the existing Solids Processing Building with a new first floor superstructure of the Operations/Lab Building on the foundation of the former Sludge Processing Building; and associated utility and site improvements.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$116,771,521

Grant Award: \$35,031,456 (30% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 30 years

Municipality: Nashua, NH

State Grant Number: C-960

Project: Pump Station Upgrades – Phase 1

Description: Upgrade of six wastewater pump stations, including mechanical and electrical equipment and site restoration.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$5,473,160

Grant Award: \$1,094,632 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years