



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

February 14, 2023

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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds under the provisions of RSA 485-A:45-54, in the amount of \$775,000 in order to provide funding for significantly increased operational costs at the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP), effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% WRBP Funds.

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

**Winnepesaukee River Basin  
 03-44-44-442010-13000000  
 FY2023**

Class	Title	FY23 Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
005-403204	Private Local Funds	(\$7,532,405)	\$ (775,000)	(\$8,307,405)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
010-500100	Personnel Services-Permanent	\$1,556,835		\$1,556,835
018-500106	Overtime	\$85,000	\$25,000	\$110,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$256,912	\$85,000	\$341,912
022-500257	Rents and leases	\$35,842		\$35,842
023-500291	Heat, Electricity, and Water	\$641,550	\$550,000	\$1,191,550
024-500228	Maint., Other than Bldg.&Grnds	\$190,841	\$65,000	\$255,841
026-500521	Organizational Dues	\$3,500		\$3,500
027-582703	Transfers to OIT	\$98,408		\$98,408
028-582814	Transfers to General Services	\$3,882		\$3,882
030-500331	Equipment	\$246,144	\$50,000	\$296,144
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$66,412		\$66,412

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Class (Con't)	Title	FY23 Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$66,800		\$66,800
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$197,241		\$197,241
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$142,080		\$142,080
044-500401	Debt Service	\$687,331		\$687,331
046-500416	Consultants	\$417,247		\$417,247
047-500240	Own Forces – Bldgs.&Grnds	\$93,384		\$93,384
048-500226	Contract Maint. –Bldg&Grnds	\$1,461,719		\$1,461,719
049-500246	Trans. to Other State Agencies	\$3,787		\$3,787
050-500109	Personnel Svcs. - Temporary	\$22,748		\$22,748
060-500601	Benefits	\$957,315		\$957,315
066-500543	Employee Training	\$7,975		\$7,975
070-500702	In-State Travel	\$500		\$500
080-500714	Out-of-State Travel	\$2,784		\$2,784
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$237,000		\$237,000
103-500741	Contracts for Ops Services	\$5,000		\$5,000
211-500757	Catastrophic Casualty Insurance	\$44,168		\$44,168
	<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$7,532,405</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>	<b>\$8,307,405</b>

#### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to increase the FY23 Operating Budget of the WRBP in Classes 18, 20, 23, 24, and 30. The WRBP is owned and operated by NHDES on behalf of the 10 communities who rely upon the regional wastewater collection and treatment system. Funds collected from the municipalities who benefit from the system are used to operate and maintain the system.

The WRBP's Class 18 *Overtime* expenditures include the routine SCADA on-call overtime for staff monitoring operations after hours as well as necessary responses to any alarms or emergencies. The WRBP has experienced several emergency responses this fiscal year including long-duration power outages requiring re-fueling of emergency generators and sewer line repairs that have required additional staff overtime. Based on this history, an additional \$25,000 is requested in class 18.

Class 20 *Current Expenses* needs an increase in funding for commodity inflation and increased transportation costs plus a significant increase in polymer costs. One critical ingredient in the specialty polymer used by the Franklin WWTF which is now 30% more expensive than FY22. Unforeseen truck and centrifuge repairs are also necessary. Based on these additional requirements, an additional \$85,000 is requested in class 20.

The Class 023 *Heat, Electricity and Water* FY23 budget is not sufficient to meet the anticipated, additional expenses for fuel oil and electricity. Electricity rates and fuel oil prices have doubled and WRBP has used over 94% of the current utility budget in 7 months. Based on the recent history of expenditures and escalating utility costs, an additional \$550,000 is requested for class 23.

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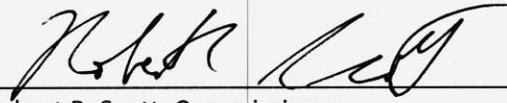
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The Class 24 *Maintenance Other than Buildings and Grounds* budget for FY23 has been exhausted, in part due to the increased costs associated with escalating materials and parts costs. Additional funds are needed for both scheduled and unforeseen repairs at the WWTF and the pump stations. Scheduled repairs and maintenance activities deferred due to COVID and supply chain issues include parts for the polymer feed system at the WWTF, pH and level sensors for multiple pump stations, electrical components for the aeration blower control system, and replacement valve components. An additional \$65,000 is requested for class 24.

Class 30 *Equipment* funds are needed for replacement of critical treatment and pumping equipment. Over 75% of the FY23 budget has already been expended as a result of increased prices and pending replacements include grinders at multiple pump stations, sewage pumps at pump stations, and gas monitoring meters. An additional \$50,000 is requested for class 30.

All of the WRBP's operating expenses are paid by the users of the system; there is no General Fund contribution to the system's operating budget.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

  
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