



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds from the Stone Estate Trust Funds account in the amount of \$42,600, for the purpose of increased travel and utilities cost, equipment, and property maintenance effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds (Trust Funds).

Funds are to be budgeted in fiscal year 2023 as follows:

03-035-035-351010-53000000, Stone Estate Trust Funds

Class-Account- RG	Description	FY23 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY23 Adjusted Authorized
005-403264-18	Private Local Funds	\$391,236	\$42,600	\$433,836
Total Revenue		\$391,236	\$42,600	\$433,836
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$97,114	\$0	\$97,114
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$10,357	\$10,100	\$20,457
023-500264	Heat, Electricity & Water	\$8,000	\$2,500	\$10,500
027-582703	Transfers to DoIT	\$2,669	\$0	\$2,669
029-500290	Intra-Agency Transfers	\$140,207	\$0	\$140,207
030-500311	Equipment New Replacement	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
039-500190	Telecommunications	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
040-501587	Indirect Cost	\$7,127	\$0	\$7,127
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$7,065	\$0	\$7,065
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$18,351	\$6,000	\$24,351
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$1,266	\$10,000	\$11,266
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
054-500528	Trust Fund Expenditures	\$9,196	\$0	\$9,196
060-500602	Benefits	\$53,384	\$0	\$53,384
070-500705	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Total Expenses		\$391,236	\$42,600	\$433,836

EXPLANATION

The John Elwyn Stone Trust provides funds to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands to maintain the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth and operate associated programs. This property and annual income from the Trust Fund were given to the State of New Hampshire under the will of John Elwyn Stone in 1976. These supplemental funds, which represent unspent income from previous fiscal years, will be used to:

- Cosponsor the NH Forestry Career Day at Bear Brook State Park for high school students in May 2023.
- Cosponsor the NH Farm, Forest and Garden Expo at the Deerfield Fairgrounds in May 2023.
- Purchase an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV or drone) for conducting urban tree inspections; assist with wildland fire mapping and storm damage assessments. All staff piloting the drone will receive required training.
- Maintenance funds will be used to start renovations to the Urban Forestry Center buildings to adhere to current fire code requirements, such as new interior doors, stairway improvements, kitchen upgrades and removal of display stage.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 020 – Current Expenses – Sponsorship for NH Forestry Career Day (\$1,600) and NH Farm, Forest and Garden Expo (\$2,500), chainsaw safety tool kits and office supplies.

Class 023 – Heat, Electricity & Water – increased utility costs

Class 030 – Equipment – purchase of drone and accessories

Class 039 – Telecommunications – increased telecommunications costs

Class 047 – Own Forces Maintenance Build/Grounds – building improvements required by State Fire Marshall

Class 048 – Contractual maintenance Build/Grounds – building improvements required by State Fire Marshall

Class 070 – In State Travel – increased fuel costs and maintenance

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner