The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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March 15, 2023

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 Town of Whitefield (Vendor Code 177499 B002) in the amount of $1,774,043, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

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	$53,362	$1,720,681

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.

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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			$4,798,625
Balance Available for New Grants			$936,623
Less Current Request			
	C-961	Whitefield	$53,362
		Total	$53,362
Balance Remaining for New Grants			$883,261

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: Whitefield, NH

State Grant Number: C-961

Project: Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Description: Comprehensive upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility to eliminate recurring violations of the existing discharge permit and bring the facility into compliance with a USEPA Consent Order, improving the water quality of the Johns River. Upgrades included construction of a new process complex to house new process equipment, updated headworks, new sequencing batch reactors and sludge handling and effluent flow measurement equipment.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $5,913,476

Grant Award: $1,774,043 (30% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 28 years