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April 24, 2023

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
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the purpose of acquiring a conservation easement interest in 358 +/- acres in the town of Northumberland, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION						
03-75-75-751520-21550000						
Fiscal Year 2023						
	Expense	Class Description	Revenue	Current	Requested Action	Adjusted
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	404705-16	\$1,146,775	\$1,000,000	\$2,146,775
007		AGENCY INCOME	407629-24	79,963	0	79,963
008		AGENCY INCOME	405234-10	280,688	0	280,688
009		AGENCY INCOME	405462-14	9,941	0	9,941
Total				\$1,517,367	\$1,000,000	\$2,517,367
Expense						
010	500100	PERSONAL SERVICES		55,490	0	55,490
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES		1,300	0	1,300
022	500255	RENTS/LEASES		564	0	564
029	500290	INTRA-AGENCY TNFRS		15,000	0	15,000
030	500311	EQUIPMENT		94,766	0	94,766
033	500150	LAND ACQUISITIONS	404705-16	501,489	999,000	1,500,489
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET	404705-16	1,147	1,000	2,147
049	584935	TSFRS TO OTH AGEN.		51,785	0	51,785
060	500602	BENEFITS		22,628	0	22,628
070	500704	IN STATE TRAVEL		500	0	500
073	500578	GRANTS NON FEDERAL		80,000	0	80,000
080	500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		1,700	0	1,700
304	500841	RESEARCH &		636,000	0	636,000
305	500845	HABITAT, ACQUIS. &		54,998	0	54,998
Total				\$1,517,367	\$1,000,000	\$2,517,367

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EXPLANATION

NHFG proposes to acquire a conservation easement interest from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on three parcels totaling approximately 358 acres located along the Connecticut and Upper Ammonoosuc Rivers in Northumberland, Coos County. This acquisition is part of a larger 750-acre riverfront conservation and restoration project that combines habitat conservation, floodplain restoration and agriculture and is positioned to be the largest floodplain restoration project in New England. Successful acquisition and protection of the property requires a partnership effort with multiple public funding sources and private funds raised by TNC. This request is to accept and expend federal grant funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for NHFG to purchase a conservation easement from TNC on 358 acres that are not already eased as part of the overall protection strategy.

The easement will permanently protect 358 acres of terrestrial habitat and approximately three miles of river frontage on the Connecticut and Ammonoosuc Rivers, eliminating the risk of parcelization, ensuring habitat connectivity for a significant number of wild birds and mammals and improving water quality by enhancing buffers. It will conserve habitat for a variety of wild birds and mammals including deer, bear, turkey, high numbers of wood duck and other waterfowl, and more than 30-recorded species of other birds including osprey, bald eagle, northern harrier, great blue herons, and a high number of bank swallows. The easement will require that the land remain open for public pedestrian uses, hunting, and fishing. The easement will also require NHFG review and approve future field and forest management, recreation, and habitat management plans on the property.

The appraised fair market value of the conservation easement is \$1,380,000. The easement will be purchased as a bargain sale at \$1,000,000 and the remaining \$380,000 of value will provide the required match under the federal program.

Funds are being budgeted in Class 033 - Land Acquisitions and Easements to make this purchase.

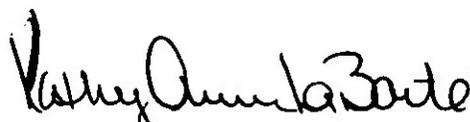
Funds are being budgeted in Class 041- Audit Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies which receive federal funds to set aside a percentage of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

This acquisition is part of an effort to use Wildlife Restoration Program funds from the USFWS to expand and enhance the statewide Wildlife Management Area system under grant F21AF04030 (W-108-L-2). The approved federal grant includes \$1,000,000 in available federal funds from the USFWS for the easement purchase and associated project costs.

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,


Scott R. Mason
Executive Director


Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY 04/13/2023
 1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated 05/13/2022 except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

NOTICE OF AWARD



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act—Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education (16 U.S.C. §669 et seq., except as Pub. L. 106-

2. CFDA NO. 15.611 - Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Formula Grant

4. GRANT NO. F21AF04030-02
Originating MCA #

5. TYPE OF AWARD Other

4a. FAIN F21AF04030

5a. ACTION TYPE Post Award Amendment

6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 08/01/2021 Through 08/30/2026

7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 08/01/2021 Through 08/30/2026

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)
NH W-108-L-2 State Wildlife Management Area Enhancement

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME
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ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)	
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only	—
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation	II
a. Salaries and Wages	\$ 128,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 72,000.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$ 200,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00
f. Travel	\$ 3,000.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00
h. Other	\$ 1,918,551.54
i. Contractual	\$ 141,450.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 2,263,001.54
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 40,000.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$ 2,303,001.54
m. Federal Share	\$ 1,648,000.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$ 755,001.54

12. AWARD COMPUTATION	
a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from Item 11m)	\$ 1,648,000.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	\$ 0.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	\$ 1,383,000.00
d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION	\$ 165,000.00
13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period	\$ 1,648,000.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT (Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):			
YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2	\$	d. 5	\$
b. 3	\$	e. 6	\$
c. 4	\$	f. 7	\$

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

- a. DEDUCTION
- b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
- c. MATCHING
- d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
- e. OTHER (See REMARKS)

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16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- a. The grant program legislation
- b. The grant program regulations
- c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
- d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - Yes No)
 An obligation of \$165,000.00 has been made to grant F21AF04030 NH W-108-L-2 State Wildlife Management Area Enhancement.
 A change of scope is also approved to add Maldstone Bends (Grey Mist Farm) Conservation Easement and Gerland Pond Fee.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:
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17. VENDOR CODE	0070066517	18a. UEI XVNEMFW345H9	18b. DUNS 608500663	19. CONG. DIST.	02	
LINE#	FINANCIAL ACCT	AMT OF FIN ASST	START DATE	END DATE	TAB ACCT	PO LINE DESCRIPTION
3	0051033447-00010	\$165,000.00	08/01/2021	08/30/2026	5029	5222 NH