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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and
His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to accept and expend of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in the amount of $1,000,000, for the purpose of infrastructure improvements to the State of New Hampshire's Parks and Recreation and State Land Reservation system, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. **100% Federal Funds**.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2023 in the following account: 03-35-35-351510-28XX0000[1] – ARPA DNCR Roads and Paving Funds

Class	Description	FY23 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY23 Adjusted Authorized
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$0	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	**$0**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**
020-500200	Current Expenses	$0	$25,000	$25,000
022-500257	Rent - Leases Other than State	$0	$25,000	$25,000
030-500311	Equipment New Replacement	$0	$25,000	$25,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$0	$10,000	$10,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$0	$1,000	$1,000
048-500226	Contractual Maint. B&G	$0	$45,000	$45,000

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS3502A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS3502Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

103-502664	Contracts for Oper Service	$0	$869,000	$869,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$0**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**

EXPLANATION

This project will address the long-term wear and the resulting deterioration of about 5 miles of roads, and 65,000 square yards of parking lots at Greenfield State Park and Rye Harbor State Park. If insufficient maintenance is carried out, roads can need replacing or major repairs after just a few years. That deterioration spread across a road system very quickly results in soaring maintenance costs and can have a major financial impact on the economy and citizens. Project funds will help to preserve DNCRs' road and parking lot assets and prevent these assets from depreciating in value, provided that timely work is carried out to ensure roads and parking lots are in a condition to be open; and provide quality, safe, access and services to the public.

Cracked, broken and spalling pavement detracts from the quality of our park visitors' experience. It may damage visitors' vehicles, and, in some cases, it poses a safety hazard. Project funds will be used to repave roads and renew parking lot paving. Renewed pavement and parking lots will contribute to the positive experience that keeps bringing back the tourists that New Hampshire's economy relies on. Project funds to improve roads and paving at Greenfield State Park and Rye Harbor State Park will utilize utilizing low impact development (LID) techniques to reduce pollutants and mitigate flow coming off the existing roadways, parking lots and surrounding properties. LID techniques used in the project are to be accompanied by signage describing the feature and its water quality benefits to add a public education component to the project.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 020 – Current Expenses – supplies purchased to support project implementation

Class 022 – Rents - Leases of Equipment - For costs related to renting of equipment and machinery that may be used to support maintenance efforts

Class 030 – Equipment – Machinery purchases for maintenance efforts

Class 040 – Indirect Costs – Rate of 1% on est. total staff support

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside – at a rate of 0.1%

Class 048 – Contractual maintenance Buildings and Grounds – Maintenance projects

Class 103 – Contracts for Operational Services – Contracted services to perform infrastructure improvements.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stewart

Sarah L Stewart, Commissioner