The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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August 22, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH

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, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $300,275 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for air pollution reduction planning activities under the federal Inflation Reduction Act, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2025. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

AIR IRA POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS
03-44-44-443010-5639
Fiscal Year 2024

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400146	Federal Funds	($824,823)	($300,275)	($1,125,098)
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	10,000	0	10,000
020-500200	Current Expense	15,000	0	15,000
027-582703	Transfers to OIT	15,681	0	15,681
028-582814	Transfer to General Services	12,609	0	12,609
030-500321	Equipment	55,000	0	55,000
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	6,480	0	6,480
038-500175	Technology Software	441	0	441
039-500188	Telecommunications	1,365	0	1,365
040-500800	Indirect Costs	19,515	0	19,515

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
041-500801	Audit Set-Aside	850	275	1,125
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	24,519	0	24,519
050-500109	Part Time Personnel	6,560	0	6,560
059-500117	Full Time Temporary	296,486	0	296,486
060-500601	Benefits	150,317	0	150,317
066-500544	Employee Training	2,000	0	2,000
070-500705	In-State Travel	3,000	0	3,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel	5,000	0	5,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	200,000	300,000	500,000
	Total	$824,823	$300,275	$1,125,098

EXPLANATION

Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act appropriates $5 billion to EPA to support efforts by states, U.S. territories, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes, to develop and implement plans to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs). This program has two distinct but related phases:

- Planning grants: The Inflation Reduction Act provides $250 million for eligible entities to develop plans to reduce GHGs.
- Implementation grants: The Inflation Reduction Act provides $4.6 billion for grants to implement measures from the GHG reduction plans developed with planning grant funding.

In order for NH to apply and compete for the future implementation grants (anticipated as early as April 2024) NHDES must successfully complete the initial planning activity requirements by March 1, 2024.

NHDES applied for and was awarded a $3,000,000 planning grant. The original budget for this grant was included in the recently approved state FY 24/25 biennium budget. The timeline for applying for these funds was extremely tight with applications due one month after the notice of the grant availability. At the time the FY 24/25 budget was prepared an estimate of necessary contract expenses for the planning phase of the grant was completed. Since that time, it has been determined that additional contract funds are needed in order to successfully complete the grant deliverables by the deadline. In order to accommodate revised contract costs from the original estimate it is necessary to add $300,000 to Class 102, Contracts for Program Services. Class 41-Audit Set-Aside is also being increased to the appropriate amount.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

for Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
AIR IRA POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS
FISCAL SITUATION FY24
03-44-44-443010-56390000

Total Federal Awards	$3,201,831
Less Expenditures thru 06/30/2023	$0
Remaining Authorization to Budget	$3,201,831
Less Current FY24 Budget Authorization	$824,823
Total Available for Budgeting	$2,377,008
REQUESTED ACTION	$300,275
Available to Budget at a later date	$2,076,733

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2023	Balance
5A00A00944-0	$201,831	$0	$201,831
5D00A01353 - pending award notification	$3,000,000	$0	$3,000,000
TOTAL	$3,201,831	$0	$3,201,831

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Grant Agreement

GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A00944 **MODIFICATION NUMBER:** 0 **PROGRAM CODE:** 5A	**DATE OF AWARD** 07/20/2023
TYPE OF ACTION New	**MAILING DATE** 07/25/2023
PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	**ACH#** 10108

RECIPIENT TYPE:
State

Send Payment Request to:
Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov

RECIPIENT:
New Hampshire D.E.S.
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
EIN: 02-6000618

PAYEE:
New Hampshire D.E.S.
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

PROJECT MANAGER	EPA PROJECT OFFICER	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST
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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

Inflation Reduction Act Clean Air Act Grant

See Attachment 1 for project description.

BUDGET PERIOD	PROJECT PERIOD	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST
06/01/2023 - 05/31/2025	06/01/2023 - 05/31/2025	$201,831.00	$201,831.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Based on your Application dated 04/14/2023 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards $201,831.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of $201,831.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)	AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS	**ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS**
U.S. EPA, Region 1 , EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division	**DATE** 07/20/2023

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	$0	$201,831	$201,831
EPA In-Kind Amount	$0	$0	$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	$0	$0	$0
Other Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0
Recipient Contribution	$0	$0	$0
State Contribution	$0	$0	$0
Local Contribution	$0	$0	$0
Other Contribution	$0	$0	$0
Allowable Project Cost	$0	$201,831	$201,831

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.034 - Surveys-Studies-Investigations-Demonstrations and Special Purpose Activities relating to the Clean Air Act	Clean Air Act: Sec. 103	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
IRA CAA	230101G055	2231	E1SFX	01V4	000A04XM6	4183	-	-	$201,831
									$201,831

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I
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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-3912

August 14, 2023

Michael Fitzgerald
Assistant Director, Air Resources Division Director, Climate Action Office
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
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P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03301-0095

Re: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGP-23-01; Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant

Dear Michael Fitzgerald:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to inform you that EPA has selected your New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) application for funding under the above-referenced announcement. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the status of your application and to provide you with additional information regarding the next steps in the process. Please keep a copy of this letter for your reference.

The NHDES team has worked with the EPA Project Officer, Julianne Sammut, to finalize New Hampshire's CPRG Planning grant application, including the work plan, budget and other required documentation. The award documentation is complete and the documentation to support the financial award is currently in process with the EPA grants administration team to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and policies and submission for final approvals.

Please also note that this is NOT a notification of award. Awards are not official until a Notice of Award is signed by the EPA Award Official. Additional information on completing the award process will be contained in the Notice of Award. Pre-award costs for the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant program have been authorized starting on July 1, 2023, which is the start of the NHDES application project period. All pre-award costs incurred before EPA makes the award are at the recipient's risk (2 CFR 1500.9).

Again, congratulations and we look forward to working with you throughout the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant.

Sincerely,

JOHN ROGAN

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John Rogan
Manager, Energy and Resilience Branch, EPA Region 1

Climate Pollution Reduction

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Notification Profile

Federal Agency 68128933\ has certified an authorization to the following account:

Recipient ID	Account ID	Effective Date
3363204	5D00A01353	08/18/2023

Increase/Decrease	Authorization Amount
INCREASE	$3,000,000.00

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Agency Location Code/Region :	68128933
Federal Agency Name :	RTPFC-Grants
Recipient ID :	3363204
Recipient Organization Name :	NH DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS
Requestor ID :	3363204
Account ID :	5D00A01353
Account Type :	Regular Account
Account Description :	CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GR
TAS Distribution Method :	Percentage By Account
Group ID :	10108
Account Status :	Open
Create Date :	08/16/2023
Begin Date :	07/01/2023
Performance Period End Date :	06/30/2027
End Date :	10/30/2027
Allow Book Entry Adjustments :	Yes
Allow Warehoused Payments :	Yes
Grant (Y/N) :	Yes
FAIN :	5D00A01353
CFDA Number :	66.046
CMIA Indicator :	No
Funding Technique :	
Total Estimated Grant Amount :	$0.00
Cumulative Authorized Amount :	$0.00
Available Balance :	$0.00
Cumulative Authorized Amount Reset Period :	
Annual Reset Month :	