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The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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August 23, 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 9:16-c, I, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to transfer federal funds in the amount of $224,491 in fiscal year 2024 and $162,193 in fiscal year 2025 between classes within accounting unit Water Planning, for more effective use of appropriated funds and greater program efficiency, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% federal funds.

Funding is to be budgeted as follows:

Water Planning
03-44-44-442010-20470000
FY2024

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-404367	Federal Funds	($2,079,298)	($0)	($2,079,298)
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	$10,000	$0	$10,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	$10,000	$0	$10,000
030-500321	Equipment	$4,500	$0	$4,500
038-500175	Technology - Software	$1,808	$0	$1,808
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$10,275	$0	$10,275
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$1,570	$0	$1,570
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$6,231	$0	$6,231
050-500109	Temporary Personnel	$66,515	$0	$66,515
057-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	$1,000	$0	$1,000
059-500117	Full Time Temporary	$67,882	$0	$67,882
060-500601	Benefits	$42,431	$0	$42,431
066-500544	Employee Training	$600	$0	$600
067-500557	Training of Providers	$100	$0	$100

070-500705	In-State Travel	$1,750	$0	$1,750
072-500577	Grants-Federal	$150,000	$0	$150,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel	$3,500	$0	$3,500
085-588590	Interagency Transfer Out of Fed Funds	$300,001	$224,491	$524,492
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$1,401,135	($224,491)	$1,176,644
	TOTAL	$2,079,298	$0	$2,079,298

Water Planning
03-44-44-442010-20470000
FY2025

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-404367	Federal Funds	($1,560,630)	($0)	($1,563,160)
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	$10,000	$0	$10,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	$10,000	$0	$10,000
030-500321	Equipment	$501	$0	$501
038-500175	Technology - Software	$1,808	$0	$1,808
040-500800	Indirect Costs	$10,334	$0	$10,275
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$1,564	$0	$1,570
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$6,231	$0	$6,231
050-500109	Temporary Personnel	$66,515	$0	$66,515
057-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	$1,000	$0	$1,000
059-500117	Full Time Temporary	$67,882	$0	$67,882
060-500601	Benefits	$43,884	$0	$42,431
066-500544	Employee Training	$600	$0	$600
067-500557	Training of Providers	$100	$0	$100
070-500705	In-State Travel	$1,750	$0	$1,750
072-500577	Grants-Federal	$150,000	$0	$150,000
080-500710	Out-of State Travel	$3,500	$0	$3,500
085-588590	Interagency Transfer Out of Fed Funds	$1	$162,913	$162,913
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$1,185,000	($162,913)	$1,022,087
	TOTAL	$1,560,630	$0	$ 1,560,630

EXPLANATION

The Lead in Schools and Childcare Facility Drinking Water Program is utilizing federal funding to promote compliance with 485:17-a *Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities* and to administer a grant program funded by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund to assist childcare facilities with mitigating water fixtures that produce water with more than 5 parts-per-billion lead. The transfer of funds from NHDES to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will enable DHHS to hire a temporary fulltime position to improve the childcare facilities' understanding of the health risks associated with childhood exposure to lead in drinking water and gain compliance with the requirements of RSA 485:17-a. At the time the FY24/25 Operating budget was prepared, NHDES did not anticipate grant funds to be available for childcare facilities to mitigate water fixtures.

NHDES is requesting to rebudget these as shown below:

Class 085	An increase to transfer funds to Health and Human Services to cover the program costs to assist with addressing lead in licensed childcare facilities.
Class 102	A reduction to facilitate the above requested budget revisions without increasing the total program appropriation.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

Justification:

1) Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects? This is an on-going program.

2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level? This will maintain the existing program level.

3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory. RSA 485

4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer. 100% federal funds

5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved? No

6) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved? No

7) Are personnel services involved? There are no personnel services involved in this transfer.
   If yes, answer the following:
   a. Number of positions budgeted in each account. N/A
   b. Number of positions filled in each account. N/A
   c. Reason for vacant positions. N/A
   d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts? N/A
   e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request? N/A

We respectfully request your approval.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner