The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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September 26, 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 the provisions of RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to amend Fiscal Item FIS 21-138, approved by the Fiscal Committee on June 8, 2021 and approved by Governor and Council on June 16, 2021, Item #101 as amended by FIS 22-111, approved by Fiscal Committee on March 18, 2022 and approved by Governor and Council on March 23, 2022, Item #83 as amended by FIS 23-166, approved by Fiscal Committee on May 19, 2023 and approved by Governor and Council on May 31, 2023, Item #160 by reallocating funds in the amount of $5,045,000 between class lines effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

NHDES is requesting the changes in funding as follows:

ARPA DES LOANS[1]
03-44-44-440010-2476
Fiscal Year 2024

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Transfers of Funds	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400338	Federal Funds	($127,554,993)	0	($127,554,993)
Expenditures				
18-500106	Overtime	$15,352	34,648	$50,000
20-500200	Current Expense	$23,517	0	$23,517

[1] Administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4401Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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Class con't	Budget Category	Current Budget	Transfers of Funds	Revised Budget
22-500255	Building Rent-Other than State	$3,640	0	$3,640
24-500225	Maint Other than Bldg/Grnds	$3,000	0	$3,000
27-582703	Transfers to OIT	$11,804	194,413	$206,217
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	$0	160,061	$160,061
30-500321	Equipment	$15,747	0	$15,747
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	$1,417	0	$1,417
38-500175	Technology Software	$12,013	0	$12,013
39-500188	Telecommunications	$13,811	3,419	$17,230
40-500800	Indirect Costs	$74,235	264,748	$338,983
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	$128,494	494	$128,988
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$48,550	127,742	$176,292
46-500463	Consultants	$300,000	(300,000)	$0
50-500109	Part Time Personnel	$344,247	483,473	$827,720
59-500117	Full Time Temporary	$236,509	1,890,626	$2,127,135
60-500601	Benefits	$416,643	926,774	$1,343,417
66-500544	Employee Training	$515	2,083	$2,598
70-500705	In-State Travel	$9,454	0	$9,454
72-500574	Grants – Federal	$119,387,666	(4,745,000)	$114,642,666
80-500710	Out of State Travel	$3,500	0	$3,500
85-588575	Inter Agcy Xfr Out of Fedl Funds	$1,201,420	199,742	$1,401,162
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$5,303,459	756,777	$6,060,236
	Total	$127,554,993	0	$127,554,993

EXPLANATION

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID -19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

NHDES has been soliciting applications for the programs supported by ARPA funding since the fall of 2021 and has offered approximately $145 million in ARPA funding for drinking water, wastewater and

stormwater infrastructure-related projects. Through implementation of the ARPA funding programs, NHDES has determined that additional funding should be allocated to contracts for program services to provide laboratory analytical services for NHDES programs. NHDES original personnel costs were budgeted through the end of FY24. Given additional guidance from the US Treasury Department, personnel has been budgeted through the end of the ARPA program. NHDES is requesting the transfer of funds from Class 72 Grants and Class 46 Consultants to cover additional personnel, contracts and Interagency grants in order to best use the available appropriation.

NHDES is requesting to budget and/or transfer funds as shown below:

Class 018 To cover the cost for overtime for personnel.

Class 027 To cover costs for Department of Information Technology services.

Class 028 To cover costs for state office building rent and related services.

Class 039 To cover the costs of telecommunications.

Class 040 To cover the program share of statewide indirect costs.

Class 041 To cover audit set aside cost allocation.

Class 042 To cover the program share of additional fringe benefit costs.

Class 046 To reduce funds for outside consulting firms needed for other activities.

Class 050 The additional amount of $483,473 will not be used for new positions. Employee support from exising DES organizational units will be utilized to administer this program. These funds will be used to supplant funding of the following full time positions. FAQ 48 from US Treasury states that payroll and benefits of employees managing new grant programs established with FRF is an allowable use.

Position #	Classification Title	Account 03-44-44-	Funding Mix	Amount
43237	Environmentalist IV	442010-3855	100% Other	$140,000
42193	Environmentalist III	442010-3855	100% Other	$119,410
12114	Environmentalist IV	442010-7602	100% Federal	$11,211
10026	Administrator III	442010-3642	100% Federal	$12,852
9T2987	Environmentalist II	444010-8873	100% Other	$100,000
9T2988	Environmentalist II	444010-8873	100% Other	$100,000
			Total	$483,473

Funding in the amount of $483,473 which is budgeted for the current positions, will either be lapsed or closed to control resulting in a net zero increase in budgeted funds.

Class 059 To cover the costs associated with the nine full time temporary positions previously approved by Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council.

Classification Title	Position #	Labor Grade	Salary Range
Business Aministrator II	9T3089	24	$54,951 - $77,649
Accountant IV	9T3090	23	$52,667- $74,276
Accountant II	9T3091	18	$43,017 - $59,514
Civil Engineer III	9T3092	24	$54,951 - $77,649
Env Program Manager	9T3093	27	$62,576 - $89,154
Environmentalist III	9T3094	23	$52,667- $74,276
Environmentalist III	9T3095	23	$52,667- $74,276
Environmentalist IV	9T3096	27	$62,576 - $89,154
Sanitary Engineer III	9T3097	31	$74,276 - $106,821

Class 060 To cover benefits for personnel costs.

Class 066 To cover costs for employee training.

Class 072 To reduce funds for grants needed for other activities.

Class 085 To cover pass through grants to the Fish & Game Department and the Department of Health & Human Services.

Class 102 To cover costs for outside engineering firms.

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

1) Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
This transfer is for continuing ARPA programs.

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

3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory. n/a

4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.
   American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

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? If yes, answer the following:
   Yes.
   a. Number of positions budgeted in each account. 9
   b. Number of positions filled in each account. 9
   c. Reason for vacant positions. There are currently no vacancies
   d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts? No
   e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request? No

We respectfully request your approval of these items.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
NH Department of Environmental Services

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APPROVED
FISCAL COMMITTEE
DATE 5/19/2023
ITEM # FIS 23-166

Charles M. Arlinghaus
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April 27, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
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APPROVED G & C
DATE 5/31/2023
ITEM # 160

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI and RSA 124:15, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is seeking approval on behalf of State Agencies to amend the accept and expend of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) requests by extending the end date for funding, new positions, and/or new Class 046-Consultants, created in relation to the acceptance of ARPA SFRF funds, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Administrative Services is seeking approval, on behalf of the State Agencies listed in Attachment A, to extend the effective date of the attached items from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This extension is allowable under the "procedural rules amendment" approved at the previous Fiscal Committee meeting on April 21, 2023. All items included in the attachment have been previously submitted by the respective state agency responsible for the program and approved by both the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council. In addition, the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) has reviewed the attachment and concurs with the extensions requested.

While all ARPA SFRF must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026, this request only serves to authorize agencies' program balances that are unspent as of June 30, 2023, as well as positions and consultants created pursuant to RSA 124:15, to carry forward into FY24 and reauthorize projects or programs that were already intended to continue utilizing authorized ARPA SFRF into the next biennium. This will also grant agencies in coordination with GOFERR time to further evaluate projects and programs as the ARPA SFRF obligation deadline approaches in order to

ensure any funds that may need to be reallocated to other uses have sufficient time to do so. Any request to reallocate an existing budget or repurpose funds for new or existing projects will require future Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals and are not contemplated in this item.

If this item is not timely approved, the State would need to issue layoff notices to employees hired into these federally funded positions, created under the original ARPA request, agencies would halt work on time-sensitive projects or payments on existing contracts, and ongoing programs would be unable to issue or follow through on awards. Further, each agency would then need to submit a retroactive request to July 1, 2023 for approval to reauthorize the positions and funding; however, the retroactive requests would not eliminate the need to issue layoff notices in June 2023.

Typically, agencies budget for known federal grants in the upcoming biennial budget; however, the budget guidance issued in August 2022 instructed Agencies to exclude all COVID-related funding from their FY24-FY25 budget submissions in order to maintain the authorization methodology, compliance protocols, and audit trail that had become standard for use and oversight of ARPA SFRF. Moreover, although the funding is authorized by the federal government beyond June 30, 2023, including this one-time funding would have erroneously inflated the FY24-FY25 State budget.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these programs. The Department of Administrative Services seeks approval of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Arlinghaus
Commissioner

Attachment A

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	Department of Administrative Services	State Building HVAC Replace and Repair/Maintenance	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-135	06/16/2021 - #154	24780000 24810000 24870000	9T3149 9T3150 9T3151
2	Department of Administrative Services	Temporary Capacity Increase - DPW	08/20/2021 - FIS 21-207	08/18/2021 - #122	24940000	
3	Department of Administrative Services	State Agency recruitment support	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-081; 02/17/2023 - FIS 23-060	03/09/2022 - #96 02/22/2023 - #102	26400000	9T3228 9T3226 9T3227 9T3297
4	Department of Administrative Services	Investments in Deferred Maintenance at State Facilities	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-267	07/27/2022 - #125	26640000	N/A
5	Department of Administrative Services	Cloud Migration of State ERP System	02/17/2023 - FIS 23-050	02/22/2023 - #100	28070000	N/A
6	Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food	NH Meat Processing Infrastructure and Training Investment Program	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-405	11/22/2022 - #57	26900000	N/A
7	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	Broadband Infrastructure	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-136; 03/24/2023 - FIS 23-096	06/16/2021 - #89; 04/12/2023 - #77	24410000	9T3102 9T3103 9T3104
8	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	InvestNH Program Support Staff	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-117	03/23/2022 - #79	26420000	9T3220 9T3233 9T3234
9	Department of Business and Economic Affairs	InvestNH Program Fund	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-150	05/04/2022 - #67	26520000	N/A
10	Department of Corrections	DOC Air Handlers & Ductwork Replacement	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-137	06/16/2021 - #75	24390000	N/A
11	Department of Corrections	Upgrading the Offender Management System (OMS)	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-033	01/26/2022 - #59	26340000	N/A
12	Department of Corrections	Fiber Optic Cable Upgrade and Replacement	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-034	01/26/2022 - #58	26350000	N/A
13	Department of Corrections	National Guard Temporary Staff Support	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-038	01/26/2022 - #57	26360000	N/A
14	Department of Corrections	Air Handlers & Ductwork Replacement - Additional Funds	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-368	10/19/2022 - #43	24390000	N/A
15	Department of Corrections	SWEEP - Technology and Automation Upgrades	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-369	10/19/2022 - #44	26810000	N/A

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16	Department of Education	College & Career Skills Mentoring Pilot Program (Big Brothers)	12/17/2021 - FIS 21-393	12/22/2021 - #95	26070000	N/A
17	Department of Education	School Security Project Investment	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-236	06/29/2022 - #158	26610000	N/A
18	Department of Education	School Security Project Investment	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-249	07/27/2022 - #99	26610000	9T3279
19	Department of Environmental Services	Drinking and Wastewater Infrastructure	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-138; 05/20/2022 - FIS 22-171	06/16/2021 - #101; 06/01/2022 - #75	24760000	9T3089 9T3090 9T3091 9T3092 9T3093 9T3094 9T3095 9T3097
20	Department of Environmental Services	Drinking and Wastewater Infrastructure II	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-313	10/27/2021 - #86	24760000	9T3096
21	Department of Environmental Services	Air Permit Relief Program	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-164	06/02/2022 - #72	24760000	N/A
22	Department of Environmental Services	LRM Permitting Positions	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-179	06/01/2022 - #73	24760000	N/A
23	Department of Environmental Services	Investment in State and Municipal Dam Infrastructure	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-195	06/01/2022 - #74	26570000	9T3235 9T3236 9T3237 9T3238
24	Department of Environmental Services	SWEEP - Online Systems and Full time Temporary Position	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-406	11/22/2022 - #99	26950000	9T3278
25	Department of Health and Human Services	Mental Health System Service Improvements (BHIP)	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-139	06/16/2021 - #13	24650000	N/A
26	Department of Health and Human Services	New Hampshire Hospital Upgrades (Lamott Roof, Health & Safety, and Seclusion Room)	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-140	06/16/2021 - #12	24650000	N/A
27	Department of Health and Human Services	Bureau of Family Assistance Call Center	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-169; 06/17/2022 - FIS 22-230; 03/24/2023 - FIS 23-106	06/30/2021 - #7; 06/15/2022 - #12; 03/22/2023 - #20A	24650000	N/A
28	Department of Health and Human Services	Healthcare Workforce Capacity - Underserved Populations	08/20/2021 - FIS 21-243	08/18/2021 - #14	24650000	9T3160
29	Department of Health and Human Services	Hampstead Hospital	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-314; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-083	10/27/2021 - #7B; 02/16/2022 - Late Item A	24380000	N/A

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30	Department of Health and Human Services	Early Intervention and Prevention Behavior Health Support (DBH)	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-354	11/22/2021 - #12	26480000	N/A
31	Department of Health and Human Services	Early Childhood Mental Health Support	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-355	11/22/2021 - #11	24650000	N/A
32	Department of Health and Human Services	Facility & COVID-19 Response Support (EO 2021-12 Reponse)	12/02/2021 - FIS 21-363	12/08/2021 - #6B	24650000	N/A
33	Department of Health and Human Services	Medicaid Care Management Study	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-014	01/26/2022 - #6	24650000	N/A
34	Department of Health and Human Services	Behavorial Health Strike Team	01/21/2022 - FIS 22-042	01/26/2022 - #14	24650000	N/A
35	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Supplies and Equipment Storage (Warehouse Lease)	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-113	03/23/2022 - #13	24650000	N/A
36	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Wastewater Testing	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-146	04/20/2022 - #27	24650000	N/A
37	Department of Health and Human Services	Hampstead Hospital Operations Contract	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-152	04/20/2022 - #6	26480000	N/A
38	Department of Health and Human Services	Investment In SUD Related Services and Prevention Efforts	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-269	07/27/2022 - #52	24650000	N/A
39	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Mobile Testing and Vaccination Services	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-304	09/07/2022 - #26	24650000	N/A
40	Department of Health and Human Services	Birthing Center and Midwife Insurance Premium Stabilization	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-312	09/21/2022 - #11	24650000	N/A
41	Department of Health and Human Services	Short Term and Cold Weather Shelter Support	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-313	09/07/2022 - #25A	24650000	N/A
42	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Winter Surge Services	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-361	10/19/2022 - #7	24650000	N/A
43	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID PCR Tests for SNH Congregate Living Settings	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-362	10/19/2022 - #8	24650000	N/A
44	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Appeals Portal	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-363	10/19/2022 - #9	24650000	N/A
45	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Incident Management System Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-364	10/19/2022 -#10	24650000	N/A
46	Department of Health and Human Services	SWEEP - Call Center	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-366	10/19/2022 - #12	24650000	N/A
47	Department of Health and Human Services	Forensic Hospital Investments	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-398	11/22/2022 - #11	24650000	N/A
48	Department of Health and Human Services	COVID-19 Testing Service Contracts	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-422	11/22/2022 - #7	24650000	N/A
49	Department of Health and Human Services	SolutionHealth Consolidated Behavioral Health Hospital	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-305	03/22/2023 - #6A	24650000	N/A

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50	Department of Health and Human Services	Strengthening Child Care Workforce	04/21/2023 - FIS 23-124	04/12/2023 - #15	24650000	N/A
51	Department of Information Technology	ARP Cloud Services, Continuity of Operation, IT, and Cybersecurity	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-141	06/16/2021 - #68	24540000 24420000 24600000 24480000	N/A
52	Department of Information Technology	Cyber Insurance/Protection Program	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-114	03/23/2022 - #57	26410000	N/A
53	Department of Information Technology	Portable Wi-Fi Connectivity Support	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-205	06/01/2022 - #45	26590000	N/A
54	Department of Information Technology	State Licensing Portal Modernization	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-265	07/27/2022 - #29	26630000	N/A
55	Department of Justice	Temporary Staff for Criminal Investigation-YDC	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-142; 02/17/2023 - FIS 23-057	06/16/2021 - #137; 03/07/2023 - #95	24620000	9U672 9U673 9U674 9U675 9T3141 9T3142
56	Department of Justice	Grant Aid - COVID 19 Relaxed Restrictions	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-168; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-065; 07/22/2022 - FIS 22-253	06/30/2021 - #173; 02/16/2022 - #121; 07/27/2022 - #120	24590000	N/A
57	Department of Justice	Support for Increased Victim Services & VOCA	09/17/2021 - FIS 21-252; 02/18/2022 - FIS 22-064; 07/22/2022 - FIS 22-254	10/13/2021 - #92A; 02/16/2022 - #123; 07/27/2022 - #121	24790000	N/A
58	Department of Justice	Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-199	05/18/2022 - #105A	26550000	N/A
59	Department of Justice	Support for Increased Victim Services & VOCA	02/17/2023 - FIS 23-056	02/22/2023 - #94	24790000	N/A
60	Department of Justice	Website Update and Modernization	03/24/2023 - FIS 23-100	03/22/2023 - #114	28270000	N/A
61	Department of Labor	SWEEP - OnBase System Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-353	10/19/2022 - #42	26800000	N/A
62	Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	SWEEP - Cloud Based Database	N/A	10/19/2022 - #36	26620000	N/A
63	Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	SWEEP - Automated Inventory Tracking Software	N/A	10/19/2022 - #36	26620000	N/A

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64	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	State Parks Projects	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-143; 09/09/2022 - FIS 22-322	06/16/2021 - #93; 09/21/2022 - #76	24670000	9T3143
65	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	The Save Our Granite Stages (SOGS) Program	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-082	03/09/2022 - #62	26390000	N/A
66	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	State Parks - Historic Sites Improvements	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-266	07/27/2022 - #61	26660000	N/A
67	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Trail Groomer and Trail GIS Mapping Tool	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-352	10/19/2022 - #59	26840000	N/A
68	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Digital Online User Generated Review and Compliance System (DOUG R&C)	04/21/2023 - FIS 23-126	05/03/2023 - #75	TBD	N/A
69	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - Highspeed Scanner Investment	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-354	10/19/2022 - #32	26410000	N/A
70	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - RIMS CORE21 Software Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-355	10/19/2022 - #33	26760000	N/A
71	Department of Revenue Administration	SWEEP - Web Application Upgrade and Enhancement	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-356	10/19/2022 - #34	26790000	N/A
72	Department of Safety	School Physical Security Assessments and IPOC	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-145	06/16/2021 - #133	24740000 24800000	TMPPT6039 TMPPT6040
73	Department of Safety	CDL Licensing Improvements Program	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-311	10/27/2021 - #102	24440000	9T3171 9T3172 9T3173 9T3174
74	Department of Safety	First Responder Recruitment and Training Program	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-350	11/22/2021 - #101	24830000	9T3190
75	Department of Safety	NHSP Forensic Biology Resources	05/20/2022 - FIS 22-201	05/18/2022 - #98A	26540000	9T3277
76	Department of Safety	COVID-19 After Action Report and Improvement Plan	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-235	06/29/2022 - #165	26720000	N/A
77	Department of Safety	SUD Related Public Awareness Campaign	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-270	07/27/2022 - #108	26650000	N/A
78	Department of Safety	SWEEP - DOS Critical IT Investments	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-351	10/19/2022 - #93	26870000 26880000 26890000	N/A
79	Department of Safety	E911 Facility Investment	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-421	11/22/2022 - #159	26920000	N/A
80	Department of Transportation	SWEEP - Winter and Highway Maintenance	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-370	10/19/2022 - #23	26740000	N/A

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81	Fish and Game Department	Temporary Permit Application Review Staff Support for Water Projects	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-156	06/16/2021 - #90	24750000	9T3101
82	Fish and Game Department	Temporary Permit Application Review Staff Support for Water Projects	08/03/2021 - FIS 21-197	08/18/2021 - #45A	24750000	9T3157 9T3159 9T3158
83	Fish and Game Department	Design and construction of three fish hatchery systems (Late Item)	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-153	04/20/2022 - #68	26490000	N/A
84	Fish and Game Department	SWEEP - IT Solutions Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-349	10/19/2022 - #55	26830000	N/A
85	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Expanding and Modernizing Technology Related Programming (NCC Engineering) and Guidehouse Contract	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-146	06/16/2021 - #63	24690000	N/A
86	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	GOFERR Admin Budget	06/18/2021 - FIS 21-172	06/30/2021 - #93	19110000	N/A
87	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Housing Needs Administration Program	08/03/2021 - FIS 21-203	08/04/2021 - #33A	24690000	N/A
88	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Youth Residential Facility Improvement Program	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-283; 09/09/2022 - FIS 22-300	10/27/2021 - #62; 09/07/2022 - #63	24690000	N/A
89	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	LNA Recruiting and Training Program	12/17/2021 - FIS 21-391	12/22/2021 - #59	24690000	N/A
90	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Career Pathways Program	02/18/2022 - FIS 22-080	03/09/2022 - #58	24690000	N/A
91	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Temporary Relief for Guardian Appointments	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-115	03/23/2022 - #78	24690000	N/A
92	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Veteran Housing and Retreat Center	03/18/2022 - FIS 22-116	03/23/2022 - #77	24690000	N/A
93	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	CCSNH Licensed Practitioner Nurse (LPN) program	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-148	04/20/2022 - #63	24690000	N/A
94	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Involuntary Emergency Admissions Case Improvements	04/15/2022 - FIS 22-149	04/20/2022 - #62	24690000	N/A
95	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-237	06/15/2022 - #80B	24690000	N/A
96	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Investments in SUD Facilities and Programming	07/22/2022 - FIS 22-268	07/27/2022 - #52	24690000	N/A

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97	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-318	09/21/2022 - #70	24690000	N/A
98	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	County Emergency Equipment Investment Program	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-357	10/19/2022 - #47	24690000	N/A
99	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Judicial Branch Infrastructure Investments	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-358	10/19/2022 - #48	24690000	N/A
100	Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery	Community Center Investment Program	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-359	10/19/2022 - #49	24690000	N/A
101	Judicial Council	Support for Indigent Defense	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-307	10/27/2021 - #49	24430000	N/A
102	New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights	SWEEP - Case Management and Public Information Portal	N/A	11/22/2022 - #58	26960000	N/A
103	New Hampshire Employment Security	Transportation Workforce Recruitment	10/22/2021 - FIS 21-306	10/27/2021 - #48	24460000	N/A
104	New Hampshire Employment Security	NH Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-426	11/22/2022 - #56A	26940000	N/A
105	New Hampshire Insurance Department	SWEEP - Modernize critical IT Infrastructure	11/18/2022 - FIS 22-407	11/22/2022 - #59	26930000	N/A
106	New Hampshire Veterans Home	NH Veterans Home Support - Fire Suppression Improvements	09/09/2022 - FIS 22-321	09/07/2022 - #70A	26730000	N/A
107	New Hampshire Veterans Home	SWEEP- IT Infrastructure and Resident Safety Improvements	10/14/2022 - FIS 22-360	10/19/2022 - #84	26860000	N/A
108	Pease Development Authority - DPH	Pease Development Authority (PDA)	11/19/2021 - FIS 21-351	11/22/2021 - #58	24560000	N/A
109	Pease Development Authority - DPH	PDA Port Authority Investments	06/17/2022 - FIS 22-234	06/15/2022 - #80A	26600000	N/A
110	Police Standards and Training Council	PSTC A/C Replacements and Range Ventilation	06/08/2021 - FIS 21-144	06/16/2021 - #132	24880000	N/A

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Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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February 24, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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 the provisions of RSA 14:30-a,VI authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to amend Fiscal Item FIS 21-138, approved by the Fiscal Committee on June 8, 2021 and Item #101 approved by Governor and Council on June 16, 2021 by transferring funds in the amount of $10,000,000 between class lines, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2023. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

ARPA DES LOANS[1]
03-44-44-440010-2476
Fiscal Year 2022

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400338	Federal Funds	($150,002,478)	$0	($150,002,478)
Expenditures				
18-500106	Overtime	$40,000	$0	$40,000
20-500200	Current Expense	$24,937	$0	$24,937
22-500255	Building Rent-Other than State	$3,700	$0	$3,700
24-500225	Maint Other than Bldg/Grnds	$3,000	$0	$3,000
27-582703	Transfers to OIT	$88,740	$0	$88,740
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	$63,396	$0	$63,396
30-500321	Equipment	$28,171	$0	$28,171
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	$19,380	$0	$19,380
38-500175	Technology Software	$12,360	$0	$12,360
39-500188	Telecommunications	$17,549	$0	$17,549
40-500800	Indirect Costs	$155,870	$0	$155,870
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	$150,000	$0	$150,000

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4401A, 00FRF602WB4401B and 00FRF602WB4401C and activity 00FRF602WB4401Z for administrative and indirect costs. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

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Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$84,515	$0	$84,515
46-500463	Consultants	$300,000	$0	$300,000
50-500109	Part Time Personnel	$591,004	$0	$591,004
59-500117	Full Time Temporary	$918,531	$0	$918,531
60-500601	Benefits	$829,132	$0	$829,132
66-500544	Employee Training	$6,800	$0	$6,800
70-500705	In-State Travel	$9,500	$0	$9,500
72-500574	Grants – Federal	$134,490,454	$8,250,300	$142,740,754
80-500710	Out of State Travel	$3,500	$0	$3,500
85-588591	Inter Agcy Xfr Out of Fed Funds	$1,161,939	$1,049,700	$2,211,639
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$1,000,000	$700,000	$1,700,000
301-504059	Loans	$10,000,000	($10,000,000)	$0
	Total	$150,002,478	0	$150,002,478

EXPLANATION

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to expedite the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Act defines eligible uses of state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID -19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

ARPA funds to NHDES were approved by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council in June of 2021 and October of 2021. NHDES has been soliciting applications for the programs supported by the ARPA funding. At the time of the initial appropriation, NHDES believed that a portion of the funds would be directed to loans to eligible entities to support eligible infrastructure projects. Subsequently, after considering evolving federal guidance and the deadlines established for obligating and expending the funds, it became clear that any funds awarded should be done so as grants. In addition, NHDES has determined that additional funding should be allocated to contracts for program services that will support eligible public water and wastewater systems in making the most full and effective use of the awarded funds. The transfer to class 85 is to fund grants to eligible state agencies. NHDES is requesting the transfer of $10,000,000 from class 301 Loans to Class 72 Grants, Class 85 Inter Agency Transfer out of Federal Funds and Class 102 Contracts for Program Services in order to best use the available appropriation.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

May 27, 2021

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 ACTIONS

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend $50,000,000 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to fund investments in drinking water, and wastewater infrastructure, effective as of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval. Funding is 100% Federal Funds. The Budget Table is shown on page 2 of this request.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 124:15,I, authorize NHDES to establish seven full time temporary positions effective as of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval. The positions were approved by the Division of Personnel on April 29, 2021. A copy of the approval documentation is attached.

Classification Title	Position #	Labor Grade	Salary Range
Business Aministrator II	9T3089	24	$48,769 - $68,952
Accountant II	9T3091	18	$38,200 - $52,845
Civil Engineer III	9T3092	24	$48,769 - $68,952
Env Program Manager	9T3093	27	$55,555 - $79,170
Environmentalist III	9T3094	23	$46,761 - $65,949
Environmentalist III	9T3095	23	$46,761 - $65,949
Sanitary Engineer III	9T3097	31	$65,949 - $94,867

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ARPA Program
03-44-44-440010-24xx[1]
Fiscal Years 2022-2023

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-40xxxx	Federal Funds	$0	($50,000,000)	($50,000,000)
Expenditures				
18-500106	Overtime	0	40,000	40,000
20-500200	Current Expense	0	24,937	24,937
22-500255	Bldg Rent-Other than State	0	3,700	3,700
24-500225	Maint. Other than Bldg/Grnds	0	3,000	3,000
27-582703	Transfers to DOIT	0	88,740	88,740
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	0	63,396	63,396
30-500321	Equipment	0	28,171	28,171
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	0	19,380	19,380
38-500175	Technology Software	0	12,360	12,360
39-500188	Telecommunications	0	17,549	17,549
40-500800	Indirect Costs	0	149,349	149,349
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	0	50,000	50,000
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	0	75,555	75,555
46-500463	Consultants	0	300,000	300,000
50-500109	Temporary Personnel	0	591,004	591,004
59-500117	Full Time Temporary	0	814,694	814,694
60-500601	Benefits	0	776,426	776,426
66-500544	Employee Training	0	6,800	6,800
70-500705	In-State Travel	0	9,500	9,500
72-500574	Grants – Federal	0	36,260,000	36,260,000
80-500710	Out of State Travel	0	3,500	3,500
85-588581	Interagency Grants	0	161,939	161,939
102-500731	Contracts - Program Services	0	500,000	500,000
301-5040xx	Loans	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
	Total	$0	$50,000,000	50,000,000

[1]*All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4401A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4401Z.*

3. Subject to approval of Item #1, authorize the Department of Environmental Services to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the NH Department Fish and Game (VC# 311244-B001) in an amount of not to exceed $293,665 to provide funding for one position to assist with timely protected wildlife reviews related to NHDES infrastructure permits, effective as of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, upon Governor & Council approval, predicated on the future extension of funding by the Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council beyond June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

   Funding is available in the account as follows with the authority to adjust encumbrances in each of the State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified. Funding for FY22-25 is contingent upon continuing appropriation and availability of funds.

	FY 22	FY23	FY24	FY25
03-44-440010-24xx-085-588575	$78,506	$83,433	$87,109	$44,617

Dept of Environmental Services, ARPA Program, Interagency Federal Fund Grants

EXPLANATION

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.

The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID -19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Based on planning between the Department, legislative leadership, and the Governor's Office, a portion of the ARPA funds have been initially allocated to NHDES to invest in the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure of New Hampshire. This initial appropriation will allow NHDES to stand up the program by having the necessary staff in place to manage the infrastructure program and begin to award grant funding to entities. NHDES is developing a detailed use plan for the ARPA funds based on interim guidance from the US Treasury Department.

Some of these funds will be allocated to the Fish & Game Department to enable these agencies to work collaboratively with NHDES to achieve the primary goal of facilitating necessary water and sewer infrastructure improvements by providing support to help ensure timely processing of statutorily required protected threatened and endangered species consultations for associated land resource management permits.

Current staffing resources are not sufficient to deal with these new responsibilities given the magnitude of the funds being awarded for major drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, as grants, loans, and contracts and extensive financial and compliance monitoring being placed on NHDES to comply with federal transparency requirements.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

Class 018 To cover the cost for overtime for personnel.

Class 020 To cover costs for public outreach, postage, office supplies, field supplies, and vehicle use.

Class 022 To cover costs for rented office equipment.

Class 024 To cover repairs of field equipment and other instrumentation.

Class 027 To cover costs for Department of Information Technology services.

Class 028 To cover costs for state office building rent and related services.

Class 030 To cover costs for office and field equipment.

Class 037 To cover the costs for computers for new staff.

Class 038 To cover the costs for software for new staff.

Class 039 To cover the costs of telecommunications.

Class 040 To cover the program share of statewide indirect costs.

Class 041 To cover the cost of Audit Set-Aside charges related to the federal program

Class 042 To cover the program share of additional fringe benefit costs.

Class 046 To cover the cost of outside engineering firms to assist with major projects

Class 050 These funds are available in support of expanded or new program activities not previously budgeted. Employee support from existing NHDES programs will be used to conduct activities under this program. FAQ 48 from US Treasury states that payroll and benefits of employees managing new grant programs established with FRF is an allowable use, therefore, these funds will be used to supplant funding for the following positions, which are currently budgeted.

Position #	Title	Account 03-44-44-	Funding Mix	Amount
9T2909	Aministrator III	444010-7428	100% Other	$ 31,346
9T2912	Env Technician III	444010-7428	100% Other	26,155
9T2913	Sanitary Engineer III	444010-7428	100% Other	42,570

9T2983	Administrator III	444010-8873	100% Other	25,448
9T2985	Environmentalist IV	444010-8873	100% Other	65,016
40492	Hydrogeologist IV	444010-8893	100% Other	32,018
9T2655	Administrator IV	444010-8893	100% Other	35,588
9T2669	Civil Engineer VI	444010-8893	100% Other	34,174
41225	Administrator III	441018-4718	100% Federal	40,341
19124	Administrator IV	441018-4790	100% Other	43,108
19868	Env. Program Manager	441018-4790	100% Other	32,437
18324	Administrator III	441018-2002	100% Federal	50,954
12051	Civil Engineer VI	441018-4788	100% Other	34,180
12130	Sanitary Engineer III	441018-4788	100% Other	32,766
12114	Environmentalist IV	442010-7602	100% Federal	45,014
30001	Env Program Manager	442010-3642	100% Federal	19,889
			TOTAL	$ 591,004

Funding in the amount of $591,004 which is budgeted for the current positions, will either be lapsed or closed to control resulting in a net zero increase in budgeted funds.

Class 059	To cover the costs for the seven full-time temporary positions for coordination and execution of NHDES's management of investments in drinking and clean water infrastructure projects.
Class 060	To cover benefits for full-time and part-time personnel.
Class 066	To cover costs for employee training.
Class 070	To cover instate travel to project sites and outreach/public meetings.
Class 072	To cover grants to entities for infrastructure projects.
Class 080	To cover out-of-state technical training travel costs for staff.
Class 085	To cover costs associated with F&G assistance being provided to the department with permitting of projects.
Class 102	To cover costs for cybersecurity assessments and analysis.
Class 301	To cover the cost of loans for drinking & clean water infrastructure projects.

The following is intended to address the seven questions required by the Fiscal Committee with respect to the acceptance of federal and other funds in which new positions are established or extended:

1. ***List All Personnel by Classification, Labor Grade, and Salary:*** Seven fulltime, temporary positions as listed below:

   - **Business Administrator II** (LG 24, $48,769 - $68,952) to oversee all accounting and reporting activities of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program. This position will also research and ensure

compliance with all federal ARPA requirements, set up budgets, complete cash flows, fiscal and/or G&C requests as well as oversee the staff processing and reviewing transactions. This position will also review amortization schedules and final loan/grant documents to ensure correctness.

- **Accountant II** (LG 18, $38,200 - $52,845) to process transactions related to the ARPA program and prepare supporting financial reports, calculate income drawdowns, and maintain detailed financial records for this program. This includes but is not limited to reconciliation of subsystems to NHFIRST, calculate and prepare draws for expenditure reimbursement; analyze, audit and ensure accurate grant records and proper authorizations; prepares, processes and maintains all contract payments, disbursement requests, deposits and transfers of expenditures as necessary.

- **Civil Engineer III** (LG 24, $48,769 - $68,952) to review wastewater infrastructure engineering plans and perform oversight of the permitting and construction of wastewater infrastructure. This position would also be responsible for ensuring wastewater infrastructure projects are designed and constructed in accordance with applicable state statutes and rules. This position will provide support to the senior staff in the Design Review and Construction Management sections of the Wastewater Engineering Bureau.

- **Environmental Program Manager** (LG 27, $55,555 - $79,150) to provide project management and administration of the funds provided to communities for the planning, design and construction of wastewater infrastructure projects, in conjunction with loans funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. Responsibilities to include, but not limited to, soliciting and processing project applications, funding agreements, and disbursements. This position will work closely with CWSRF staff of the Wastewater Engineering Bureau.

- **Environmentalist III** (LG 23, $46,761 - $65,949) to provide reviews of grant and loan programs associated with ARPA to ensure compliance with state and federal laws, rules and policies, relative to stormwater and hazard resilience projects. Responsibilities include performing review of funding applications and analyzing their scope of work, budget and project content to determine completeness and eligibility, and recommending appropriate action. This position would also be responsible for providing technical assistance to federal and state agencies, funding recipients, municipalities, community groups and individuals.

- **Environmentalist III** (LG 23, $46,761 - $65,949) to provide reviews of grant and loan programs associated with ARPA to ensure compliance with state and federal laws, rules and policies. Responsibilities include performing review of funding applications and analyzing their scope of work, budget and project content to determine completeness and eligibility, and recommending appropriate action. This position would also be responsible for providing technical assistance to federal and state agencies, funding recipients, public water systems and municipal groups and individuals.

- **Sanitary Engineer III** (LG 31, $63,999-$88,101) to review water supply infrastructure engineering plans and oversight of the permitting and construction of water supply infrastructure funded by ARPA. This position would also be responsible for reviewing applications for grants and loans and management of awarded grants and loans related to the work funded by ARPA.

2. ***Explain the Nature, Need, and Duration of the Program:*** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is providing funds to states through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to assist states with the economic impacts of the pandemic. To this end, this portion of those funds is earmarked for water and sewer infrastructure improvement investments. The program runs through December 31, 2024.

3. **What is the Relationship to Existing Programs?**
   The ARPA funds will complement the exisiting Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs as well as the Drinking Water/Ground Water Trust Fund in providing grants/loans for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

4. ***Has a Substantially Similar Program been Requested of the Legislature and Denied?*** No.

5. ***Why was this Program and Its Funding Not Included in the Operating Budget?*** The federal grant funds were not available at the time the department created its FY22/23 Operating budget request. Mangement of the overall ARPA funds is being coordinated through GOEFFR.

6. ***Can any Portion of the Funds Be Utilized if Either, None, or Only Part of the Positions are Authorized?*** No, the contracts, loans and grant portions of the requested funding could not be effectively awarded without approval of the positions. Current staff resources would preclude timely review and processing of work scope authorizations, reports, engineering plans and loan/grant applications. Current staffing is not sufficient to allow timely execution of the work required under the federal requirments.

7. ***What is the Estimate of the Amount of Funding Required to Continue the Positions in Future Years?*** It is anticipated that the positions are likely to continue until the ARPA funding expires on December 31, 2024. The estimated cost of these positions in FY 24/25 is $910,541.

We respectfully request your approval of these items.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
NH Department of Environmental Services

The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 14, 2021

The Honorable Karen Umberger, 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 ACTIONS

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend $100,000,000 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to fund investments in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2023. This is an allowable use of ARPA FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(D) for water and sewer infrastructure as well as Section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 124:15,I, authorize NHDES to establish one full time temporary position effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2023. The position was approved by the Division of Personnel on April 29, 2021. A copy of the approval documentation is attached.

Classification Title	Position #	Labor Grade	Salary Range
Environmentalist IV	9T3096	27	$56,218 - $80,106

Funding is to be appropriated as follows:

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ARPA DES LOANS[1]
03-44-44-440010-2476
Fiscal Years 2022-2023

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400338	Federal Funds	($50,000,000)	($100,000,000)	($150,000,000)
Expenditures				
18-500106	Overtime	$40,000	0	$40,000
20-500200	Current Expense	$24,937	0	$24,937
22-500255	Building Rent-Other than State	$3,700	0	$3,700
24-500225	Maint Other than Bldg/Grnds	$3,000	0	$3,000
27-582703	Transfers to OIT	$88,740	0	$88,740
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	$63,396	0	$63,396
30-500321	Equipment	$28,171	0	$28,171
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	$19,380	0	$19,380
38-500175	Technology Software	$12,360	0	$12,360
39-500188	Telecommunications	$17,549	0	$17,549
40-500800	Indirect Costs	$149,349	$6,521	$155,870
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	$50,000	$100,000	$150,000
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$75,555	$8,960	$84,515
46-500463	Consultants	$300,000	0	$300,000
49-588575	Transfer to Other State Agencies	0	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
50-500109	Part Time Personnel	$591,004	0	$591,004
59-500117	Full Time Temporary	$814,694	$101,359	$916,053
60-500601	Benefits	$776,426	$52,706	$829,132
66-500544	Employee Training	$6,800	0	$6,800
70-500705	In-State Travel	$9,500	0	$9,500
72-500574	Grants – Federal	$36,260,000	$98,230,454	$134,490,454
80-500710	Out of State Travel	$3,500	0	$3,500
85-5885xx	Inter Agcy Xfr Out of Federal Funds	$161,939	0	$161,939
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$500,000	$500,000	$1,000,000
301-504059	Loans	$10,000,000	0	$10,000,000
	Total	$50,000,000	$100,000,000	$150,000,000

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602WB4401B and 00FRF602WB4401C for PFAS and activity 00FRF602WB4401Z for administrative and indirect costs. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

EXPLANATION

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.

The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID -19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Based on planning between the Department, legislative leadership, and the Governor's Office, a portion of the ARPA funds was initially allocated to NHDES to invest in the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure of New Hampshire. The initial $50 million appropriation was approved by the Fiscal Committee on June 8, 2021, Item #21-138 and by Governor & Council on June 16, 2021, Item #101, allowing NHDES to stand up the program by having the necessary initial staff in place to begin managing the infrastructure program and begin to award grant funding to entities. It was anticipated at the time that as additional ARPA funds were allocated to NHDES additional full time temporary positions would be established to meet the new, increased responsibilities. Given the magnitude of the funds being awarded for major drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, these responsibilities are significant, and include administering these funds as grants, with extensive financial and compliance monitoring being placed on NHDES to comply with federal transparency requirements.

Based on further planning between the Department, legislative leadership, and the Governor's Office NHDES is continuing to develop a detailed use plan for the additional ARPA funds based on interim guidance from the US Treasury Department.

NHDES is requesting to budget these additional funds as shown below:

Class 040	To cover the program share of statewide indirect costs.
Class 041	To cover the cost of Audit Set-Aside charges related to the federal program.
Class 042	To cover the program share of additional fringe benefit costs.
Class 049	To cover transfers to other State Agencies.
Class 059	To cover the costs for the one full-time temporary position for coordination and execution of NHDES's management of investments in drinking and clean water infrastructure projects.
Class 060	To cover benefits for full and part-time personnel.

Class 072 To cover grants to entities for infrastructure projects and PFAS projects as authorized by HB 271 in the 2021 legislative session. Of the total $98Million increase, $25Million is earmarked for PFAS projects.

Class 102 To cover costs to outside engineering firms to assist with projects.

The following is intended to address the seven questions required by the Fiscal Committee with respect to the acceptance of federal and other funds in which new positions are established or extended:

1. ***List All Personnel by Classification, Labor Grade, and Salary:*** One fulltime, temporary position as listed below:

   - **Environmentalist IV** (LG 27, $56,218 - $80,106) to supervise environmental program activities associated with public water system sustainability to promote maintenance, improvement and resilience of public water system infrastructure as associated with ARPA projects. Responsibilities include ensuring availability of broad funding options, processing funding actions, supervising review of applications, managing drinking water projects, review of reimbursement requests for payments, and assisting with federal reporting requirements such as Davis Bacon, American Iron and Steel and Minority and Women's Business Enterprise in order to ensure the proper and timely reporting of ARPA funding recipients.

2. ***Explain the Nature, Need, and Duration of the Program:*** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is providing funds to states through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to assist states with the economic impacts of the pandemic. To this end, this portion of those funds is earmarked for water and sewer infrastructure improvement investments. The program runs through December 31, 2024 for obligating the funds and through December 31, 2026 for expending the funds.

3. **What is the Relationship to Existing Programs?**
   The ARPA funds will complement the existing Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs as well as the Drinking Water/Ground Water Trust Fund in providing grants/loans for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

4. ***Has a Substantially Similar Program been Requested of the Legislature and Denied?*** No.

5. ***Why was this Program and its Funding Not Included in the Operating Budget?*** The federal grant funds were not available at the time the department created its FY22/23 Operating budget request. Management of the overall ARPA funds is being coordinated through GOFERR.

6. ***Can any Portion of the Funds Be Utilized if Either, None, or Only Part of the Positions are***

Authorized? No, the contracts, loans and grant portions of the requested funding could not be effectively awarded without approval of the position. Current staff resources would preclude timely review and processing of work scope authorizations, reports, engineering plans and loan/grant applications. Current staffing is not sufficient to allow timely execution of the work required under the federal requirements.

7. ***What is the Estimate of the Amount of Funding Required to Continue the Positions in Future Years?*** It is anticipated that the position is likely to continue until the ARPA funding expires on December 31, 2026. The estimated cost of this position in FY 24/25 is $177,740 and FY 26/27 is $137,304.

We respectfully request your approval of these items.

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