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October 19, 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  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

- 1) Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Energy to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$6,619,797 from the United States Department of Energy, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**
- 2) Pursuant to RSA 124:15 and contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, authorize the Department of Energy, Division of Policy and Programs, to create one temporary full-time Program Specialist III (LG 23), to manage this program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

**02-52-52-520510-XXXX0000 BIL Grid Resiliency**

Class/Account	Description	Requested Budget FY24	Requested Budget FY25	Total Budget Request
000/400338-16	Federal Funds	\$6,453,132	\$166,665	\$6,619,797
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,453,132</b>	<b>\$166,665</b>	<b>\$6,619,797</b>
020/500200	Current Expenses	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
030/500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000
037/500173	Technology - Hardware	\$2,000	\$500	\$2,500
038/500175	Technology - Software	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
039/500180	Telecommunications	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
040/501587	Indirect Costs	\$31,557	\$36,331	\$67,888
041/500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$6,454	\$167	\$6,621
059/500117	Temp Full Time	\$62,575	\$74,275	\$136,850
060/500601	Benefits	\$41,238	\$44,892	\$86,130
066/500543	Training	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

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070/500704	In State Travel	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
072/500573	Grant-Federal	\$6,288,808	\$0	\$6,288,808
080/500710	Out of State Travel	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$6,453,132</b>	<b>\$166,665</b>	<b>\$6,619,797</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Energy received these funds from the US Department of Energy's State Energy Program as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The amount awarded is based on a federal formula, with each state and territory receiving a set amount, provided the state or territory filed a compliant application. These funds will be used by the Department of Energy to provide grants to electric distribution utilities in the state to complete improvements to their distribution systems that reduce the frequency and duration of outages. The Department of Energy has received the first two years of this grant, with additional allocations being made by the US Department of Energy each year for the next three years.

Funds are requested for the following purposes:

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| Class 020 – Current Expenses          | New position's supplies and other current expenses    |
| Class 030 – Equipment New/Replacement | Cubicles and furniture for the new position           |
| Class 037 – Technology – Hardware     | New position's computer hardware                      |
| Class 038 – Technology - Software     | New position's software                               |
| Class 039 – Telecommunications        | Telecom and data costs                                |
| Class 040 – Indirect Costs            | Add the required Department indirect costs.           |
| Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside      | For additional .1% audit fund set aside requirements. |
| Class 059 – Temp Full Time            | New position's salary                                 |
| Class 060 - Benefits                  | New position's benefits                               |
| Class 066 - Training                  | Training for new positions                            |
| Class 070 – In State Travel           | In-state-travel for the program                       |
| Class 072 – Grants-Federal            | Grid resiliency grants                                |
| Class 080 – Out of State Travel       | Out-of-state travel for the program                   |

**The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.**

- 1) List of personnel involved:** One Program Specialist III (LG 23)
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration:** This position will allow the Department of Energy administer these funds. The program is anticipated to continue for five years. This request is to accept and expend the state's year one and year two allocations. Subsequent allocations will be released by the USDOE each year for the next three years. This position will be responsible for the administration of these funds, including conducting request for proposal processes, vetting of proposals, contracting, grant management, filing any application and program updates and reports to the USDOE.

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- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs:** These positions will work alongside with staff working on other federal programs funded by the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- 4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied?** No
- 5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request?** These additional funds were not anticipated during the formulation of the FY24 and FY25 budget.
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized?** Yes
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s):** The grant period is for 5 years. The position will cost approximately \$100,000 per year. The Department will be receiving an additional awards for years 3-5.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher J. Ellms Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner

**ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

1. Award No. DE-GD0000030		2. Modification No.		3. Effective Date 09/01/2023		4. CFDA No. 81.254		
5. Awarded To Executive Office Of The State Of New Hampshi Attn: Leonard Rautio 21 S Fruit St Ste 10 Concord NH 033012428				6. Sponsoring Office Grid Deployment Office (GD) U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Forrestal Building , GD-1 Washington DC 20585			7. Period of Performance 09/01/2023 through 04/30/2028	
8. Type of Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other		9. Authority See page 2			10. Purchase Request or Funding Document No. 23GD000114			
11. Remittance Address Executive Office Of The State Of New Hampshi Attn: Jane Lemire 21 South Fruit Street Concord NH 033013834				12. Total Amount Govt. Share: \$6,619,797.00  Cost Share : \$992,970.00  Total : \$7,612,767.00		13. Funds Obligated This action: \$6,619,797.00  Total : \$6,619,797.00		
14. Principal Investigator			15. Program Manager Joshua T. Metz Phone: 3048909423			16. Administrator U.S. DOE/NETL NATIONAL ENERGY TECH LAB 3610 Collins Ferry Road Morgantown WV 26505-2353		
17. Submit Payment Requests To Payment - Direct Payment from U.S. Dept of Treasury			18. Paying Office Payment - Direct Payment from U.S. Dept of Treasury			19. Submit Reports To See Attachment 3		
20. Accounting and Appropriation Data See Schedule								
21. Research Title and/or Description of Project Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - PREVENTING OUTAGES AND ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC GRID FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES								
For the Recipient				For the United States of America				
22. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign				25. Signature of Grants/Agreements Officer 				
23. Name and Title			24. Date Signed	26. Name of Officer Jessica L. Adams			27. Date Signed 09/01/2023	

**CONTINUATION SHEET**

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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR  
Executive Office Of The State Of New Hampshire

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	UEI: TNVEUXNKAF57 Project Period: 09/01/2023-04/30/2028 Budget Period: 09/01/2023-04/30/2028  Block 9 Authority: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Section 40101(d), 42 U.S.C. . § 18711(d) (2023).  DOE Award Administrator: Todd Zandier (412)-546-7044 todd.zandier@net1.doe.gov  Project Manager: Joshua Metz (304)-285-5242 joshua.metz@net1.doe.gov  Recipient Principal Investigator: Joshua W Elliott (603)-271-6003 joshua.w.elliott@energy.nh.gov  Recipient Business Point-of-Contact: Leonard J Rautio (603)-271-6008 leonard.j.rautio@energy.nh.gov  *****  ASAP: YES Extent Competed: NOT COMPETED Davis-Bacon Act: YES PI: JOSHUA W ELLIOTT				