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November 13, 2023

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

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, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) requests authorization to accept and expend $879,122 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for purposes related to measuring the survival, cause-specific mortality, and health of fishers in New Hampshire effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

WILDLIFE PROGRAM – GAME MANAGEMENT						
03-75-75-751520-21580000						
Fiscal Year 2024						
	Expense	**Class Description**	**Revenue**	**Current**		**Adjusted**
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	404519-16	$321,996	$879,122	$1,201,118
008		INTEREST EARNINGS	404114-24	9,970	0	9,970
009		GAME MANAGEMENT FUNDS	407129-44	805,617	0	805,617
Total				**$1,137,583**	**$879,122**	**$2,016,705**
Expense						
018	500106	OVERTIME		30,000	0	30,000
019	500105	HOLIDAY PAY		5,999	0	5,999
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES		70,885	0	70,885
026	500251	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES		4,500	0	4,500
029	500290	INTRA-AGENCY TRANSFERS		310,000	0	310,000
030	500311	EQUIPMENT NEW/REPLACEMENT		97,811	0	97,811
033	500033	LAND ACQUISITIONS & EASEMENTS		100	0	100
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	404519-16	322	880	1,202
046	500464	CONSULTANTS		50,000	0	50,000
049	584935	TRANSFERS TO OTHER AGENCIES		2,000	0	2,000
050	500109	PERSONAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY		31,001	0	31,001
060	500602	BENEFITS		10,187	0	10,187
070	500704	IN STATE TRAVEL		1,000	0	1,000
080	500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		12,000	0	12,000
304	500841	RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT	404519-16	511,778	878,242	1,390,020
Total				**$1,137,583**	**$879,122**	**$2,016,705**

EXPLANATION

The Wildlife Restoration Program, administered by the USFWS, provides grant funds to state fish and wildlife agencies in support of projects to restore, conserve, manage and enhance wild birds, mammals, and their habitat. This program was first authorized by the Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson PR) of 1937. The NHFGD was awarded a grant from the USFWS in August 2023 to conduct research on fishers, a furbearing species that that has fluctuated between periods of decline and stability over the past 30 years. For FY24, an additional $879,122 in grant funding has been secured from the USFWS to the NHFGD. Federal funds will support a Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) to measure survival, cause-specific mortality, and health of fishers in New Hampshire. This information will inform fisher management to ensure that this furbearer species is maintained at a healthy and sustainable level consistent with both public expectation and the Department's mission.

Specific changes to class codes are as follows:

- Class 304: Addition of $878,242 to support research and management via a Cooperative Project Agreement with UNH to measure survival, cause-specific mortality and health of fishers in New Hampshire.
- Class 041: Addition of $880 to cover the audit fund set aside mandatory fee.

No additional NHFGD funds are required, the required match (25%) for this award will be provided by UNH as cost-share. General Funds are not requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Mason
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

NOTICE OF AWARD

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY
08/14/2023

1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated
except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

2. CFDA NO.
15.611 - Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Formula Grant

4. GRANT NO. F23AF03086-00
Originating MCA #

5. TYPE OF AWARD
Other

4a. FAIN F23AF03086

5a. ACTION TYPE New

6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 11/01/2023 Through MM/DD/YYYY 06/30/2027

7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 11/01/2023 Through MM/DD/YYYY 06/30/2027

AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act—Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education (16 U.S.C. §669 et seq., except as Pub. L. 106-

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)
NH W-115-R-1 Survival and Cause-specific Mortality of Fishers in New Hampshire

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS
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ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only		—
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation		II
a. Salaries and Wages	$	20,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	$	12,000.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	$	32,000.00
d. Equipment	$	0.00
e. Supplies	$	0.00
f. Travel	$	600.00
g. Construction	$	0.00
h. Other	$	0.00
i. Contractual	$	1,653,140.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	$	1,665,740.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS	$	6,400.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	$	1,692,140.00
m. Federal Share	$	1,269,105.00
n. Non-Federal Share	$	423,035.00

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)	$	1,269,105.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	$	0.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	$	0.00
d. **AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION**	$	1,269,105.00
13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period	$	1,269,105.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT
(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):

YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2	$	d. 5	$
b. 3	$	e. 6	$
c. 4	$	f. 7	$

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:
a. DEDUCTION
b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
c. MATCHING
d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
e. OTHER *(See REMARKS)*

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16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:
a. The grant program legislation
b. The grant program regulations.
c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - ● Yes ○ No)

There is no approved program income for this grant.

$1,269,105.00 of the Service Funds have been obligated.

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17. VENDOR CODE 0070059517 **16a. UEI** XVNEMFW345H9 **16b. DUNS** 808590863 **19. CONG. DIST.** 02

LINE#	FINANCIAL ACCT	AMT OF FIN ASST	START DATE	END DATE	TAS ACCT	PO LINE DESCRIPTION
1	0051040472-00010	$1,269,105.00	11/01/2023	06/30/2027	5029	5222 NH

SCOPE OF WORK

1. **Project Description**

The Service hereby incorporates the recipient's application submitted to and approved by the Service into these award terms and conditions.

BUDGET AND PROGRAM REVISIONS

1. **WSFR Budget and Program Revisions**

The recipient is permitted to re-budget within the approved direct cost budget to meet unanticipated requirements and may make limited program changes to the approved project. However, certain types of post-award changes in budgets and projects shall require the prior written approval of the Service. Refer to **2 CFR 200.308** for additional information on the types of changes that require prior written approval.

AWARD CONDITIONS

1. **WSFR Wildlife Restoration / Sport Fish Restoration Match**

The federal share of the total project costs cannot exceed 75%. The Grant Recipient is eligible to request Federal obligated funds up to but not in excess of an amount equal to 75% of the total project expenditures. See also 2 CFR §200.306.

2. **Other Program- or Project-Specific Terms and Conditions**

   1. If the Grant Recipient generates income outside of the grant period from federally assisted acquisitions or other activities, it must treat such income as license revenue and use it to support the administration of the State fish and wildlife agency.
   2. Provide an Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) approval documentation prior to handling and capture of wildlife.

3. **WSFR Cost Accounting**

Cost accounting is at the subaccount level.

4. **Indirect Cost Restrictions**

The Service conditionally approves the proposed indirect costs on the final approved budget incorporated into this award. The Recipient is prohibited from charging indirect costs to this award until the Recipient provides a copy of their approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement to the Service Project Officer identified on this notice of award. The Recipient must submit their indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant agency for indirect costs within 90 calendar days past the award period of performance start date. In the event the recipient does not establish an approved rate by the award period of performance end date, the recipient must contact the Service Project Officer identified on this notice of award to discuss the situation and determine what budget revisions may be required. If the recipient submitted their rate agreement in a timely manner but the cognizant agency delayed processing it, the recipient should provide relevant details to the Service Project Officer.

SPECIAL TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **WSFR Awards to States Purchasing Equipment**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approves the acquisition of equipment under this award, as budgeted in the project