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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

May 7, 2024

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Pease Development Authority-Division of Ports and Harbors (“the Division”) to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$3,014 to fund costs associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the “CORPS”) Section 107 Feasibility Study (the “Study”) to determine a long-term solution to the higher frequency of maintenance dredging in the Hampton/Seabrook Harbor, which adversely affects all commercial maritime activities operating in the harbor, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2026. 100% Agency Income.

This request is contingent on Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval of an accept and expend request of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in the amount of \$516,105, to be presented to Fiscal Committee at its May 17, 2024 meeting (approved - late item agenda #FIS-194) and to Governor and Council on this agenda.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2024 as follows:

<u>03-13-013-130510-38570000 HARBOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</u>		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
010 – Personal Services Perm Class	500100	\$212,996	\$0	\$212,996
018 – Overtime	500106	\$41,800	\$0	\$41,800
019 – Holiday Pay	500105	\$1,650	\$0	\$1,650
040 – Indirect Costs	500800	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
042 – Additional Fringe Benefits	500801	\$100	\$0	\$100
050 – Personal Services Temp Appointment	500109	\$101,040	\$0	\$101,040
060 – Benefits	500601	\$129,946	\$0	\$129,946
064 – Retiree Pension Benefits Hlth Ins	586414	\$136,200	\$0	\$136,200
103 – Contracts for Op Svcs	502664	\$0	\$3,014	\$3,014
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$628,232	\$3,014	\$631,246
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>				
009 – Agency Income	407545	\$628,232	\$3,014	\$631,246
TOTAL REVENUE:		\$628,232	\$3,014	\$631,246

EXPLANATION

In accordance with RSA 12-G:42, XIV and RSA 12-G:45, the Division is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the Sponsor of Federal Navigation Projects ("FNP") with the CORPS in tidal waters of the State, which requires the State to share a portion of the cost of any FNP's located in the State tidal waters. The project under section 107 is to study the feasibility and best method to stabilize the middle ground in Hampton/Seabrook Harbor, thereby lessening the frequency of maintenance dredging in the harbor. The Blackwater River spills into the harbor and cuts into the middle ground, migrating sand and material to the site of the cut. The goal is to stop that migration so that the Blackwater River no longer erodes the middle ground.

Approval of the companion accept and expend of ARPA SFRF funds will cover most of the Sponsor feasibility study project costs, after covering indirect and audit set-aside costs. Approval of this item will allow the Division to cover the total Sponsor project cost portion:

Federal (CORPS):	\$ 616,105.00
Sponsor (ARPA SFRF Funds)	\$ 513,091.00
Sponsor (Division Funds)	\$ 3,014.00
<u>Sponsor Total:</u>	<u>\$ 516,105.00</u>
Total Study Costs:	\$1,132,210.00

The following are examples of the commercial vessel operations adversely affected by the waterway conditions:

Seabrook *

- 53 commercial use moorings
- Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative
- 7 charter boat operations

Hampton *

- 86 commercial use moorings
- 16 charter boat operations
- 70 commercial pier use permits at the State Pier

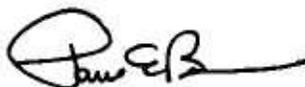
*Recreational boating data not included

Funds are being budgeted in the class listed below as follows:

Class 103 – Costs for a study to determine the feasibility of reducing Hampton/Seabrook Harbor maintenance dredging

If Agency Income Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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