



State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

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May 14, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation to budget and expend \$64,895 of prior year carry forward funds from donations for the purchase and placement of memorial park benches as authorized under the establishment of the State Park Benches Program via Governor and Council approval on November 15, 1995, item #64, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Other Funds (Private Local Funds).

Funds are to be budgeted in the following accounting unit:

03-035-035-351510-37360000 - State Park Benches

| Class-Account-RG | Class Description | FY24 Current Adjusted Authorized | Requested Action | Revised FY24 Adjusted Authorized |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 005-402765-20 | Private Local Funds | \$4,666 | \$64,895 | \$69,561 |
| Total Revenue | | \$4,666 | \$64,895 | \$69,561 |
| 020-500200 | Current Expenses | \$3,329 | \$64,895 | \$68,224 |
| 048-500226 | Contractual Maintenance Build-Grn | \$1,337 | \$0 | \$1,337 |
| Total Expenses | | \$4,666 | \$64,895 | \$69,561 |

EXPLANATION

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is requesting to budget and expend donations collected for the State Park Bench Program in order to purchase benches to be donated to the State Park system with a donation plaque affixed to the bench. The donations were accepted under RSA 216-A:3-o, I, which authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to accept individual not exceeding \$2,500 in value in a fiscal year. The State Park Benches Program, which was established and authorized by Governor and Council approval on November 15, 1995, item #64, provides the public with opportunities to purchase a granite bench to be given to a New Hampshire State Park in honor of a friend or loved one. Funds will be used for the ongoing maintenance of over 100 memorial benches already in place and the purchase of new benches at various state parks.

The funds are being requested for the following purposes:

Class 020 – Current Expenses – Purchase of Park Benches

Funding for this requested action is 100% Other Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian J. Wilson
Director

Concurred,



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner

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WILLIAM S. BARTLETT, JR.
Commissioner

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His Excellency Governor Stephen Merrill
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorization is respectfully requested for the Department of Resources & Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation to accept donations for **State Park Benches** within the park system.

REGIONS:

Northern
603 788-3155

Central
603 323-2087

Southwest
603 547-3373

Southeast
603 485-2651

Seacoast
603 436-1552

Authorize the Comptroller to establish a non-lapsing account to receive and expend donations as follows:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 010-035-3736-005 | State Park Benches |
| 010-035-3736-090 | Park Bench |

EXPLANATION

We have received numerous inquiries as to different individuals and/or organizations wanting to donate a park bench in one of our state parks, with a donation plaque affixed to the bench. With this blanket approval to accept the donation, we then could quarterly, or however donations are received, request Governor and Executive Council approval for the actual donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McLeod
Acting Director

Concurred,

William S. Bartlett, Jr.
Commissioner

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