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August 16, 2024

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 \$43,110,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, under the Inflation Reduction Act, to provide financial and technical assistance to low-moderate income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from residential-servicing community scale distributed solar energy projects, 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, to create two temporary full-time 13-1190 MISC BUS OPS SPEC-4 program manager positions to manage this program, and one 13-1190MISC BUS OPS SPEC-4 compliance position to ensure compliance of federal regulations for this program, and establish a class 046 Consultant for technical assistance services, 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 Solar for All

CLASS-ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	FY25 BUDGET REQUEST
000/400338-16	FEDERAL FUNDS	\$43,110,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,110,000
020/500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	\$1,500
022/500255	RENTS-LEASES	\$4,500
027/582703	TRANSFERS TO DOIT	\$55,000
028/582814	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL SERVICE	\$25,000
030/500301	EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	\$9,000
037/500166	TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE	\$10,000
038/500175	TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE	\$1,500
039/500190	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$4,500

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040/501587	INDIRECT COSTS	\$345,484
041/500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	\$43,110
046/500464	CONSULTANTS	\$50,000
050/500109	PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP	\$2,000
059/500117	TEMP FULL TIME	\$864,000
060/500601	BENEFITS	\$508,239
066/500543	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	\$9,000
070/500704	IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,500
072/500573	GRANTS - FEDERAL	\$40,344,667
080/500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,000
085/588544	INTERAGCY XFR OUT OF FED FUNDS	\$325,000
102/500731	CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICE	\$500,000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$43,110,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Energy received these funds from the United States Environment Protection Agency as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act. This was a competitive award made by the United States Environment Protection Agency based on a coalition application filed by the Department as the lead, with the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund (NH CLF) and New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NH Housing), providing a comprehensive and complementary approach to ensure the benefits of the program reach all corners of the state. NH CLF and NH Housing will leverage their existing programs and relationships with Low to Moderate Income communities. NH CLF will target Resident Owned Communities (ROC) through their existing ROC program, which helps the residents of manufactured housing parks to purchase the park from the owners and convert them into cooperatives. NH Housing will use the funding to finance and install community solar on workforce housing projects they either own or finance, while partnering with the state's eighteen public housing authorities to install solar on their properties as well. Lastly, the Department, serving as the lead applicant, will scale up the existing LMI Community Solar program, serving as a catch all to those communities or projects that do not neatly fit into any of those programs by the NH CLF or NH Housing.

Funds are requested for the following purposes:

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| Class 020 – Current Expenses | New position's supplies and other current expenses |
| Class 022 – Rents-Leases | Rent for Office Equipment |
| Class 027 – Transfers to DoIT | Cost for DoIT Services |
| Class 028 – Transfers to General Services | Cost for DAS rent |
| Class 030 – Equipment New/Replacement | Cubicles and furniture for the new positions |
| Class 037 – Technology – Hardware | New positions' computer hardware |
| Class 038 – Technology - Software | New positions' 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. |

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Class 046 – Consultants	Consultant services for technical assistance
Class 050 – Temp Part Time	Current full time positions doing part time work to support the program
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	Solar Grants
Class 080 – Out of State Travel	Out-of-state travel for the program
Class 085 – Interagency Transfer Out of Federal Funds	Transfer to DES for Quality Assurance services
Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services	Contracts for Monitoring and other services

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

- 1) List of personnel involved:** Three temporary full-time 13-1190 MISC BUS OPS SPEC-4
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration:** These positions will allow the Department of Energy administer these funds. The program is anticipated to continue for five years. These positions will be responsible for the administration of these funds, including conducting request for proposal processes, vetting of proposals, contracting, grant management, technical assistance, filing any program updates and reports to the US EPA, as well as provide oversight of the grants made to NH CLF and NH Housing, ensuring federal compliance is maintained by the Department, NH CLF, NH Housing, and other awardees.
- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs:** These positions will work alongside 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 positions will cost approximately \$260,000 per year.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Fiscal Situation

Program and Administration Award	\$43,110,000
EPA In-Kind Award	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Award	\$43,510,000
Request This Period	<u>\$43,110,000</u>
Remaining Amount to be used as In-Kind Support	\$400,000

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 84091301 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: 5H	DATE OF AWARD 07/09/2024
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 07/12/2024
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# PEND
RECIPIENT TYPE: State		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 21 S Fruit St Ste 10 Concord, NH 03301-2428 EIN: 02-6000618		PAYEE: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 21 S Fruit St Ste 10 Concord, NH 03301-2428	
PROJECT MANAGER Joshua Elliott 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2428 Email: joshua.w.elliott@energy.nh.gov Phone: 603-271-6003	EPA PROJECT OFFICER Kelley Moore 290 Broadway, WD/DWMIB New York, NY 10007 Email: Moore.Kelley@epa.gov Phone: 212-637-3265	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Shana Etheridge OGD-GMB, 3903R 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20460-0001 Email: Etheridge.Shana@epa.gov Phone: 202-564-9777	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION New Hampshire Solar for All Project- "Note: A special payment condition applies to this award." This agreement provides funding under the Inflation Reduction Act. The recipient will provide financial and technical assistance to low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from residential-serving distributed solar energy and storage projects. These programs will ensure low-income households receive residential distributed solar by providing program beneficiaries household savings, community ownership, energy resilience, and other meaningful benefits. Solar projects receiving financial assistance from the recipient may receive assistance for associated energy storage and upgrades that either enable project deployment or maximize the benefits of the project for low-income and disadvantaged communities. The recipient will also provide project-deployment services to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from residential solar. The anticipated deliverables will include steps and milestones to implement the strategies and plans for the Solar for All Program, a distribute solar market strategy, the financial assistance strategy, the project-deployment technical assistance strategy, and an equitable access and meaningful involvement plan. The expected outcomes include climate and air pollution benefits, equity and community benefits, and market transformation benefits. The intended beneficiaries include households in low-income and disadvantaged communities. No subawards are included in this assistance agreement.			
BUDGET PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 04/30/2029	PROJECT PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 04/30/2029	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 0.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 0.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 10/12/2023 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 43,510,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>0.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 43,510,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS Environmental Protection Agency, Grants and Interagency Agreement Management Division 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Mail code 3903R Washington, DC 20460		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund OA - Office of the Administrator 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20460-0001	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official LaShaun Phillips - Associate Award Official			DATE 07/09/2024

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 0	\$ 43,110,000	\$ 43,110,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 43,510,000	\$ 43,510,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.959 - Zero-Emissions Technology Grant Program	2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 117-328) Clean Air Act: Sec. 134(a)(1) National Environmental Policy Act: Sec. 102(2)(l)	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	2411U41012	2224	E1SF3	QU	000MGBXG 2	4129	-	-	\$ 43,110,000
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