The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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September 6, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH

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 authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept additional ARPA funds of $6,109,350 for Drinking Water and Wastewater projects, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. 100% Federal Funds.

NHDES is requesting the changes in funding as follows:

ARPA DES LOANS[1]
03-44-44-440010-2476
Fiscal Year 2025

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Amount	Revised Budget
Income				
000-400338	Federal Funds	($97,555,364)	($6,109,350)	($103,664,714)
Expenditures				
18-500106	Overtime	30,515		$30,515
20-500200	Current Expenses	23,255		$23,255
22-500255	Rents-Leases Other than State	3,640		$3,640
24-500225	Maint. Other than B&G	3,000		$3,000
27-582703	Transfers to DOIT	155,815		$155,815
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	124,812		$124,812
30-500321	Equipment	15,272		$15,272
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	1,417		$1,417

[1] All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity from 00FRF602WB4401A to 00FRF602WB4401Q. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services

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Class Con't	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Amount	Revised Budget
38-500175	Technology-Software	12,013		$12,013
39-500188	Telecommunications	14,696		$14,696
40-500800	Indirect Costs	295,044		$295,044
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	98,997		$98,997
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	136,158		$136,158
50-500109	Personal Services PT	644,287		$644,287
59-500117	Temp Personnel	1,599,769		$1,599,769
60-500601	Benefits	1,013,993		$1,013,993
66-500544	Employee Training	1,673		$1,673
70-500705	Instate Travel	9,118		$9,118
72-500574	Grants Federal	88,106,587	6,109,350	$94,215,937
80-500710	Out-of-State Travel	3,500		$3,500
85-588575	Interagency Trf of Funds	1,125,502		$1,125,502
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	4,136,301		$4,136,301
	TOTAL	$97,555,364	$6,109,350	$103,664,714

EXPLANATION

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to expedite the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergency, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

NHDES has been soliciting applications for the programs supported by ARPA funding since the fall of 2021 and has offered approximately $145 million in ARPA funding for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure-related projects. Through implementation of the ARPA funding programs, NHDES has determined that additional funding should be allocated to grants to entities for infrastructure projects. NHDES has been awarded $6,109,350 in ARPA funds to support these projects.

NHDES is requesting to budget funds as shown below:

Class 072 To cover grants to entities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

We respectfully request approval of this item.

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