

New Hampshire
 Department of Agriculture,
 Markets & Food

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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

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (DAMF) requests authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$587,282 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) for Agriculture Industry Support and Investments, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under section 602 (c)(1)(C) for provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. **100% Federal Funds**

Funds will be budgeted in FY 2025 as follows:

02-018-018-180010-NEW0000 ¹ , ARPA Conservation District Equipment		FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2025
CLASS/OBJECT	CLASS TITLE	CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET	BUDGET REQUEST	REVISED BUDGET
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$0	\$587,282	\$587,282
Total Funding		\$0	\$587,282	\$587,282
040 - 500800	Indirect Cost	\$0	\$6,377	\$6,377
041 - 500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$580	\$580
072 - 500574	Grants Federal	\$0	\$580,325	\$580,325
Total Expense		\$0	\$587,282	\$587,282

EXPLANATION

This request would fund grants to assist the New Hampshire County Conservation Districts expand their equipment rental program by purchasing additional equipment utilized by New Hampshire farms to benefit producers, consumers, and the environment.

¹ All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS1802A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602GS1802Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

County Conservation Districts offer equipment rentals to farmers in their regions. This opportunity helps reduce the capital expenditures individual farms have to make and provides education on how to properly operate new equipment. Examples of types of equipment available include no-till planters, which contributes to soil conservation and helps mitigate adverse weather conditions.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs – \$6,377 Funds used to recover central services cost.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set-Aside - \$580 0.1% of federal funds payable to DAS for audit fees per RSA124:16.

Class 072 – Grants Federal – \$580,325 – for disbursing Federal Funds for agricultural industry support and infrastructure as described in the explanation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner