



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 24, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTIONS

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), under the provisions of RSA 486, to award state aid grant funds for wastewater facility projects for the following entities in the aggregate amount of \$2,559,441 as detailed in the table below, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
Town of Hooksett	177412 B004	\$1,285,486
City of Lebanon	177422 B002	\$477,618
City of Rochester	177467 B002	\$796,337

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>After FY 2025</u>
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	\$231,391	\$2,328,050
Dept. of Environmental Services, State Aid Grants, Grants-Non Federal		

EXPLANATION

Wastewater state aid grant (SAG) funds provide financial assistance to NH municipalities to offset the eligible costs of planning, engineering, and construction of sewage disposal facilities. Over the term of the debt service the state will reimburse the entity 20% to 30% of the eligible costs incurred during the design and construction of the wastewater facility, plus a proportionate share of interest on borrowing for the project. Project costs for components related to septage and sludge handling and treatment facilities qualify for an additional 10% to 30% reimbursement ("SAG Plus").

Effective July 1, 2022, House Bill 398 appropriated general funds for the purpose of funding eligible wastewater projects under RSA 486.

Attached is a tabulation of the State Aid Grants showing the effect of this action on appropriated funds. Additional information regarding these projects is shown in Exhibit A.

We respectfully request your approval.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WATER DIVISION – WASTEWATER ENGINEERING BUREAU

STATE AID GRANTS
(03-44-44-442010-1003-073)

The effect of this request on appropriated funds is shown below:

	<u>FY 2025</u>
HB398 Appropriation Carry Over	\$7,312,414
Less Current Request	
C-971 Hooksett	\$155,579
C-972 Rochester	\$68,862
C-973 Lebanon	<u>\$6,950</u>
Total	<u>\$231,391</u>
Balance Remaining for New Grants	\$7,081,023

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WASTEWATER STATE AID GRANTS**

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental information to the preceding Governor and Executive Council request for approval of State Aid Grants for sewage disposal facilities under RSA 486.

Municipality: Hooksett, NH

State Grant Number: C-971

Project: WWTF Phase 3A Capital Improvements

Description: Implementation of changes to the wastewater treatment facility, including a new headworks building and influent pump station, yard piping improvements, and additional aeration tankage. Resulting in increased hydraulic throughput and higher treatment levels.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$6,427,432

Grant Award: \$1,285,486 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Rochester, NH

State Grant Number: C-972

Project: Colonial Pines Sewer Extension – Phase 3

Description: This project was the first of a four-phase program that included the installation of approximately 6,500 linear feet of new gravity sewers, providing municipal sewer service to a neighborhood currently served by septic systems; many of which were performing poorly or had failed.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$3,981,686

Grant Award: \$796,337 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Lebanon, NH

State Grant Number: C-973

Project: WWTF Dewatering Improvements

Description: Addition of a third sludge dewatering unit to the existing wastewater treatment facility as part of the long-term Capital Improvement Plan program.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: \$1,592,060

Grant Award: \$477,618 (30% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years