



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 14, 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 and expend \$237,951 in federal funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency to operate and maintain air quality monitors in the state's air monitoring program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2025. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

NHDES is requesting funding to be budgeted as follows:

**Air Monitoring Federal  
 03-44-44-443010-70610000  
 Fiscal Year 2025**

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Income</b>				
000-404646	Federal Funds	\$0	(\$237,951)	(\$237,951)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
020-500200	Current Expense	\$0	\$4,806	\$4,806
024-500227	Maint Other Than Bldg-Grounds	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
030-500302	Equipment	\$0	\$209,855	\$209,855
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$0	\$2,883	\$2,883
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$0	\$1,638	\$1,638
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$742	\$742
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$732	\$732
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$0	\$8,639	\$8,639
060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$5,220	\$5,220
066-500554	Employee Training	\$0	\$2,236	\$2,236
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$0	\$237,951	\$237,951

**EXPLANATION**

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards announced the availability of funds and solicited applications from eligible entities to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in local communities. EPA has awarded these funds to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments. This grant award was not available at the time the 24/25 budget was created.

The purpose of this grant is to expand NHDES' Ambient Air Monitoring Network by one station in Coos county, and to replace, maintain, and repair existing air monitoring equipment at monitoring stations throughout New Hampshire over the next 5 years. NHDES currently operates 13 air monitoring stations located throughout the state.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

*Class 020 Current Expenses:* To cover costs for supplies.

*Class 024 Maintenance other than Building-Grounds:* To cover maintenance and repairs of field equipment and other instrumentation.

*Class 030 Equipment:* To cover costs for new field equipment.

*Class 039 Telecommunications:* To cover the costs of the cellular usage for small sensors.

*Class 040 Indirect Costs:* To cover the indirect cost charges related to the federal program.

*Class 041 Audit Fund Set Aside:* To cover the cost of Audit Set-Aside charges related to the federal program.

*Class 042 Additional Fringe Benefits:* This is to cover the additional fringe benefits.

*Class 050 Personal Services Temp:* The additional amount of \$8,639 in class 50, Personal Services-Temp, will not be used for new positions. These funds are available in support of an expanded or new program beyond the original budget scope. Employee support from other NHDES organizational units will be utilized to administer this program. These funds will be used to supplant funding of the following position, which is currently budgeted:

Classification Title	Position #	Budget 03-44-44-443010	Funding Mix	Amount
Administrator II	13050	9000-010	100% Federal Funds	\$8,639

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Funding in the amount of \$8639, which is budgeted for the current position referenced above, will be either lapsed or closed to control resulting in a net zero increase in budgeted funds.

*Class 060 Benefits:* This is to cover the benefits related to position salaries.

*Class 066 Training:* This will be to cover the cost of training for new equipment.

In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.



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**NH Department of Environmental Services  
Air Monitoring Federal  
FISCAL SITUATION FY25  
03-44-44-443010-70610000**

Total Federal Awards	\$742,233
Less Expenditures thru 06/30/24	<u>\$0</u>
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$742,233
Less Current FY25 Budget Authorization	<u>\$0</u>
Total Available for Budgeting	\$742,233
<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	<u>\$237,951</u>
Available to Budget at a later date	\$504,282

Grant Award Number	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Expenses 6/30/2024</u>	<u>Balance</u>
00A01397	\$742,233	\$0	\$742,233
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$742,233</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$742,233</u>

	<b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>  <b>Grant Agreement</b>	<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 00A01897 <b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 0 <b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> 5Q	<b>DATE OF AWARD</b> 09/05/2024
		<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b> New	<b>MAILING DATE</b> 09/10/2024
		<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b> ASAP	<b>ACH#</b> 10108
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b> State		<b>Send Payment Request to:</b> Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
<b>RECIPIENT:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF PO BOX 95 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095 EIN: 02-6000618		<b>PAYEE:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF 29 Hazen Drive P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
<b>PROJECT MANAGER</b> Michael Summerlin 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 Email: Michael.D.SummerlinJr@des.nh.gov Phone: 603-271-3649		<b>EPA PROJECT OFFICER</b> Jennifer L. Brady 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109 Email: Brady.JenniferL@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1698	<b>EPA GRANT SPECIALIST</b> Trevor Tavano Grants Management Branch 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109 Email: Tavano.Trevor@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1235
<b>PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION</b> Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Air Monitoring Grant See Attachment 1 for project description.			
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b> 10/01/2024 - 09/30/2029	<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b> 10/01/2024 - 09/30/2029	<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b> \$ 742,233.00	<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b> \$ 742,233.00
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>			
<p>Based on your Application dated 04/26/2024 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 742,233.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 742,233.00. 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.</p>			
<b>ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)</b>		<b>AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE</b>	
<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b> U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b> U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division			<b>DATE</b> 09/05/2024