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# State of New Hampshire

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July 23, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Berlin (VC#177362-B008), Berlin, NH, for a total amount of \$6,250.00 to purchase and install a backup generator transfer switch. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in the SFY 2026 operating budget as follows:

02-23-23-236010-80920000	Dept. of Safety - HSEM- EMPG	<u>SFY2026</u>
072-500574	Grants to Local Gov't - Federal	\$6,250.00
Activity Code: 23EMPG 2022		

### EXPLANATION

Governor and Council approval is being sought because the amount of previous payments by the Department of Safety to the City of Berlin, plus the amount of this grant yields a cumulative amount that is over the Department's approved threshold.

The purpose of this grant is for the City of Berlin to purchase and install a backup generator transfer switch. The grant listed above is funded by the FFY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), which was awarded to the Department of Safety, HSEM, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant funds are to be used to measurably improve all-hazard planning and preparedness capabilities/activities, to include mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives at the State and local level. Grant guidance and applications are available to all Emergency Management Directors and other qualified organizations in the State. Sub-recipients submit applications to this office, which are reviewed by the HSEM EMPG Program Manager, EMPG Program Coordinator, and Stakeholder Liaisons, and approved by the HSEM Director. The criteria for approval is based on grant eligibility in accordance with the grant's current guidance and the documented needs of the local jurisdictions.

EMGP is 50% Federally funded by FEMA with a 50% match requirement supplied by the sub-recipient. The sub-recipient acknowledges their match obligation as part of Exhibits B & C to their grant agreement.

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In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds and/or Highway Funds will not be requested to support this program.

The Department of Safety has determined that the vendor is in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office, has secured the required levels of insurance, and has provided evidence of authority to execute and be bound by the contract. Documents supporting these assertions are available at the agency, for review upon request.

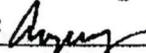
Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

**GRANT AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Subrecipient hereby  
Mutually agree as follows:  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION AND DEFINITIONS**

<b>1.1. State Agency Name</b> NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management		<b>1.2. State Agency Address</b> 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305	
<b>1.3. Subrecipient Name</b> Berlin Fire Department (VC# 177362-B008)		<b>1.4. Subrecipient Address</b> 263 Main Street, Berlin, NH 03570	
<b>1.5 Subrecipient Tel. #</b> (603)752-3135	<b>1.6. Account Number</b> AU #80920000	<b>1.7. Completion Date</b> August 31, 2025	<b>1.8. Grant Limitation</b> \$6,250.00
<b>1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency</b> Sheila Dupere, EMPG Program Coordinator		<b>1.10. State Agency Telephone Number</b> (603) 271-2231	
"By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
<b>1.11. Subrecipient Signature 1</b> 		<b>1.12. Name &amp; Title of Subrecipient Signor 1</b> Sheila Dupere, EMPG Program Coordinator	
<b>Subrecipient Signature 2</b>		<b>Name &amp; Title of Subrecipient Signor 2</b>	
<b>Subrecipient Signature 3</b>		<b>Name &amp; Title of Subrecipient Signor 3</b>	
<b>1.13. State Agency Signature(s)</b> By: 		<b>1.14. Name &amp; Title of State Agency Signor(s)</b> On: 7/29/25 Amy L. Newbury, Director of Administration	
<b>1.15. Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable)</b>			
By:		Director, On: / /	
<b>1.16. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G &amp; C approval required)</b>			
By: 		Assistant Attorney General, On: 06/06/2025	
<b>1.17. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable)</b>			
By:		On: / /	

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly

described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

Subrecipient Initials: 1.)  2.) \_\_\_\_\_ 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-17-2025

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no

event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 Failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 Failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

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3.)                      Date: 5-12-25



subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 Commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 Special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

17. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

18. **CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.** This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

19. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

20. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. **HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

23. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Subrecipient Initials: 1.)   C   2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5.12.25

EXHIBIT A

Special Provisions

1. This grant agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice by either party.
2. Any funds advanced to "the Subrecipient" must be returned to "the State" if the grant agreement is terminated for any reason other than completion of the project.
3. Any funds advanced to "the Subrecipient" must be expended within thirty (30) days of receiving the advanced funds.
4. "The Subrecipient" agrees to have an audit conducted in compliance with OMB Circular 2 CFR 200, if applicable. If a compliance audit is not required, at the end of each audit period "the Subrecipient" will certify in writing that they have not expended the amount of federal funds that would require a compliance audit (\$750,000). If required, they will forward for review and clearance a copy of the completed audit(s) to "the State".

Additionally, "the Subrecipient" has or will notify their auditor of the above requirements prior to performance of the audit. "The Subrecipient" will also ensure that, if required, the entire grant period will be covered by a compliance audit, which in some cases will mean more than one audit must be submitted. "The Subrecipient" will advise the auditor to cite specifically that the audit was done in accordance with OMB Circular 2 CFR 200. "The Subrecipient" will also ensure that all records concerning this grant will be kept on file for a minimum of three (3) years from the end of this audit period.

Subrecipient Initials: 1.)   D  

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3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-13-25

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services

1. The Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (hereinafter referred to as "the State") is awarding the Berlin Fire Department (hereinafter referred to as "the Subrecipient") \$6,250.00 to replace a backup generator transfer switch.
2. "The Subrecipient" agrees that the project grant period ends August 31, 2025 and that a final performance and expenditure report will be sent to "the State" by September 30, 2025.
3. "The Subrecipient" agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and requirements.
4. "The Subrecipient" shall maintain financial records, supporting documents, and all other pertinent records for a period of three (3) years from the grant period end date. In these records, "the Grantee" shall maintain documentation of the 50% cost share required by this grant.

Subrecipient Initials: 1.)



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Date:

5-12-2025

**EXHIBIT C**

Grant Amount and Payment Schedule

1. GRANT AMOUNT

Federal Award Information	
<b>Awarding Agency:</b> Federal Emergency Management Agency	<b>Pass-through Entity:</b> Homeland Security & Emergency Management
<b>Federal Award:</b> \$4,036,504.00	<b>Assistance Listings Number/Title:</b> Emergency Management Performance Grant / 97.042
<b>Federal Award Date:</b> 9/21/2022	<b>R&amp;D:</b> No
<b>Indirect Cost Rate:</b> 17.33%	<b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN):</b> EMB-2022-EP-00006
Subrecipient Information	
<b>Name:</b> Berlin Fire Department	<b>UEI:</b> DNPBE7JUEFU7
<b>Current Subaward Amount:</b> \$6,250.00	<b>Total Subawards Amount:</b> \$6,250.00
Project Cost	
<b>Applicant Share (Match Required):</b> \$6,250.00	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$12,500.00
Period of Performance	
<b>Start</b> 10/1/2021	<b>End</b> 8/31/2025
Budget Period	
<b>Start</b> 10/1/2021	<b>End</b> 8/31/2025

2. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- a. "The Subrecipient" agrees the total payment by "the State" under this grant agreement shall be up to \$6,250.00.
- b. "The Subrecipient" may request an advancement of grant funds in writing to the "The State". "The State" will forward the funds to "the Subrecipient" upon receiving and reviewing the request. "The Subrecipient" shall expend the grant funds within thirty (30) days and provide proof of this to "the State" within forty-five (45) days.

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- c. Upon review and approval of the invoices and supporting match documentation "The State" shall reimburse up to \$6,250.00 to "the Subrecipient" upon "the State" receiving a reimbursement request on letterhead, copies of purchase orders, vendor invoices, cancelled checks, and required match documentation.
- d. Upon State Approval, allowable match may be incurred for this project from the start of the federal period of performance of this grant, 10/1/2021, to the identified completion date (block 1.7).

Subrecipient Initials: 1.)   D   2.) \_\_\_\_\_ 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-17-2015