The State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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September 25, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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 $386,598 in federal funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Building Capacity to Develop River Crossing Plans, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2027. 100% Federal Funds.

NHDES is requesting funding to be budgeted as follows:

Coastal Resilience
03-44-44-442010-12090000
Fiscal Year 2026

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-403260	Federal Funds	1,176,242	386,598	$1,562,840
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	6,000	0	6,000
020-500200	Current Expense	2,500	0	2,500
027-500799	Transfers to DoIT	6,390	0	6,390
030-500302	Equipment New Replacement	1,979	0	1,979
040-500800	Indirect Costs	21,021	0	21,021
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	1,176	0	1,176
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	4,920	0	4,920
049-584995	Transfer to Other State Agencies	35	0	35
050-500109	Personnel Full-Time Temp	108,627	0	108,627

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Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
059-500117	Salary Temporary Employees	58,539	0	58,539
060-500601	Benefits	82,745	0	82,745
066-501709	Employee Training	1	0	1
070-500705	In-State Travel	1	0	1
072-500573	Grants Federal	321,405	50,100	371,505
080-500716	Out Of State Travel	500	0	500
085-588599	Interagency XFR out of Fed FN	100	0	100
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	560,303	336,498	896,801
	TOTAL	1,176,242	386,598	1,562,840

EXPLANATION

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced the availability of federal funds and solicited applications from eligible entities to aid NH transportation, wildlife, and environmental stakeholders in continually creating a robust, efficient and multi-benefit pipeline of stream crossing projects. By streamlining this process with quality data, flexible tools, intuitive training, and programmatic capacity this project will contribute to the functioning and growth of a resilient NH. NFWF has awarded these funds to promote best practices for stream crossing replacements, including nature-based solutions and flood resiliency. The latest grant award was not anticipated to be funded at this level when the 26/27 budget was created.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

Class 072 Grants Federal: To cover grants to entities for stream crossing replacement pipeline support.

Class 102 Contracts for Program Services: To cover contracts associated with municipal support, training and tool creation.

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.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

COASTAL RESILIENCE

FISCAL SITUATION FY2026
03-44-44-442010-12090000

Total Federal Awards	$1,847,686
Less Expenditures thru 6/30/25	$284,846
Remaining Authorization to Budget	$1,562,840
Less Current FY26 Budget Authorization	$1,176,242
Total Available for Budgeting	$386,598
REQUESTED ACTION	$386,598
Available to Budget at a later date	($0)

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2025	Balance
NA22NOS4190018 FFY 22	250,000	156,661	93,339
0318.22.0742430 FFY21	350,000	75,103	274,897
NA25NOSX419C0025 FFY24	250,000	53,082	196,918
0318.25.083948 FFY25	997,686	-	997,686
TOTAL	1,847,686	284,846	1,562,840

NFWF	NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT	1. NFWF PROPOSAL ID: 83948	2. NFWF GRANT ID: 0318.25.083948
		3. UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) NG6PGJFQBML3	4. INDIRECT COST RATE (REFERENCE LINE 17 for RATE TERMS) 2.60%

5. SUBRECIPIENT TYPE	6. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT
State or Local Government	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
7. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT CONTACT	**8. NFWF GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/NFWF CONTACT INFORMATION**
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9. PROJECT TITLE
Building Capacity to Develop River Crossing Plans in the Merrimack River Watershed (NH)

10. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Empower environmental stakeholders to create a robust, equitable, and multi-benefit pipeline of stream crossing projects in New Hampshire's coastal watersheds. Project will result in a pipeline of at least 10 restoration projects to expand habitat for native species including American eel, brook trout, and American shad, while mitigating flood risk from a 100-year storm event.

11. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	12. TOTAL AWARD TO SUBRECIPIENT	13. TOTAL FED. FUNDS	14. TOTAL NON-FED. FUNDS
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027	$997,685.84	$997,685.84	N/A

15. FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT	16. NON-FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT
$388,079	N/A

17. SUBRECIPIENT INDIRECT COST RATE TERMS

The rate specified in Line 4 reflects either, the indirect cost rate negotiated between the Subrecipient and their cognizant federal agency as stated in the Subrecipient's valid Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA), or, the indirect cost rate that the Subrecipient applied to the project budget. During the life of this Agreement, the indirect cost rate applied to this award will not exceed the rate stated in the Subrecipient's valid NICRA for the relevant period.

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NFWF	NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT	1. NFWF PROPOSAL ID: 72430	2. NFWF GRANT ID: 0318.22.072430
		3. UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI #) NG6PGJFQBML3	4. INDIRECT COST RATE (REFERENCE LINE 17 for RATE TERMS) 3.09%

5. SUBRECIPIENT TYPE	6. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT
State or Local Government	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
7. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT CONTACT	**8. NFWF GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/NFWF CONTACT INFORMATION**
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9. PROJECT TITLE
Building Capacity for Coastal Resilience Analysis to Protect Communities and Tidal Wetlands (NH)

10. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Build upon the state guidance to develop a dynamic sea-level rise and storm surge model for coastal New Hampshire. Project will use the model to test the effectiveness of community-driven conceptual adaptation alternatives for eight transportation and local land use pilot projects, as well as publish best practices for conducting alternatives analyses that consider future flood conditions, social vulnerability, and nature-based designs that protect tidal wetlands.

11. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	12. TOTAL AWARD TO SUBRECIPIENT	13. TOTAL FED. FUNDS	14. TOTAL NON-FED. FUNDS
June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024	$350,000	$350,000	N/A

15. FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT	16. NON-FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT
$111,357	$350,000

17. SUBRECIPIENT INDIRECT COST RATE TERMS
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Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
NOS Office for Coastal Management (OCM)

Notice of Award (NoA)
NA22NOS4190018-T1-01

RECIPIENT INFORMATION

1. Recipient Name
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF
29 HAZEN DR OFC
CONCORD, NH 03301

2. Congressional District of Recipient
02

3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-6000618

4. UEI
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FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

10. Award Number / FAIN
NA22NOS4190018-T1-01 Revision 3 / NA22NOS4190018 / Mod 3

11. Award Type
Cooperative Agreement

12. Period of Performance Start Date & End Date
10/01/2022 – 09/30/2025

13. Federal Share of Cost
$250,000

14. Recipient Share of Cost
$0

15. Total Federal and Recipient Cost
$250,000

16. Opportunity Number
NOAA-NOS-OCM-2022-2007017

17. Project Title
Project RECAP: A Model for Building Community-Led Resilience, Equity, and Capacity in Coastal NH.

18. Assistance Listing Number and Name
11.419 Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards

19. Award Action Type
New Competing (UNFUNDED - Other)

20. Multiyear Award?
No

21. R&D Award?
No

22. Construction Award?
No

23. Grants Officer – Signature and Date
Halima Turner – 04/30/2024

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
NOS Office for Coastal Management (OCM)

Notice of Award (NoA)
NA25NOSX419C0025-T1-01

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1. Recipient Name
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3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

10. Award Number / FAIN
NA25NOSX419C0025-T1-01 / NA25NOSX419C0025 / Mod 0

11. Award Type
Cooperative Agreement

12. Period of Performance Start Date & End Date
10/01/2024 – 03/31/2026

13. Federal Share of Cost
$250,000

14. Recipient Share of Cost
$0

15. Total Federal and Recipient Cost
$250,000

16. Opportunity Number
NOAA-NOS-OCM-2024-2008186

17. Project Title
NH CZM PSM24

18. Assistance Listing Number and Name
11.419 Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards

19. R&D Award?
No

20. Construction Award?
No

21. Grants Officer – Signature and Date
Halima Turner – 11/06/2024

Katz, Rebecca (Becca)

From: easygrants@nfwf.org
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Barry, Aidan
Cc: waverly.nohr@NFWF.ORG
Subject: Approval of amendment for project # 0318.22.072430 / Easygrants # 72430

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Dear Aidan Barry:

Your request for an amendment to the budget, scope of work, and period of performance for the "Building Capacity for Coastal Resilience Analysis to Protect Communities and Tidal Wetlands (NH)" project project # 0318.22.072430 / Easygrants # 72430 has been approved.

The new Period of Performance is 6/1/2021 to 2/28/2027. Remaining reporting requirements are as follows:

Interim Programmatic Report— December 1, 2024

Interim Programmatic Report— June 1, 2025

Annual Financial Report— June 1, 2025

Interim Programmatic Report— December 1, 2025

Interim Programmatic Report— June 1, 2026

Annual Financial Report— June 1, 2026

Interim Programmatic Report— December 1, 2026

Final Financial Report – March 30, 2027

Final Financial Report – March 30, 2027