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The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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

REQUESTED ACTION

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 $9,576,690 as detailed in the table below, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

Applicant	Vendor Code	Grant Amount
City of Concord	177376 B001	$839,122
City of Keene	177417 B002	$103,098
City of Manchester	177433 B004	$8,492,816
Town of Newmarket	177449 B003	$141,654

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	FY 2026	After FY 2026
03-44-44-442010-1003-073-500580	$390,211	$9,186,479

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").

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:

			FY 2026
FY 2026 Balance Forward			$ 13,522,521
FY 2026 Appropriations			9,118,441
Less: Scheduled Payments			(10,485,517)
Available Balance			12,155,445
Less: Prior Requests			(424,815)
Less: Current Request			
C-979 Manchester		189,407	
C-980 Manchester		25,570	
C-981 Manchester		35,040	
C-982 Concord		95,049	
C-983 Keene		20,620	
C-984 Newmarket		24,525	
	Total		(390,211)
Balance Remaining			$ 11,340,419

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: Manchester, NH

State Grant Number: C-979

Project: CMOM Program – Contract 3

Description: A continuation of Manchester's implementation of its Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Program to continue to comply with its NPDES permit, to improve the performance of the collection system, and to ensure proper system operations in the future. The project included the repair and rehabilitation of sewers and manholes previously identified to need repair.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $9,805,218

Grant Award: $1,961,044 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Manchester, NH

State Grant Number: C-980

Project: CMOM Program – Contract 4

Description: The project was a continuation of Manchester's implementation of its Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance Program to continue to comply with its NPDES permit, to improve the performance of the collection system, and to ensure proper system operations in the future. The project included the repair and rehabilitation of sewers and manholes previously identified to be in need of repair.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $13,778,215

Grant Award: $2,755,643 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Manchester, NH

State Grant Number: C-981

Project: Cohas Brook Sewer Extension – Contract 4

Description: The final project in a decades-long program to expand the wastewater collection system to areas within the Lake Massabesic and Cohas Brook watersheds. Lake Massabesic serves as the City's primary source of drinking water and Cohas Brook drains to Pine Island Pond, which is used extensively for recreation. This project extended public sewer service to more than 1,000 living units in southeastern Manchester, most of which currently rely on individually owned and maintained on-site septic systems for sewage disposal.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $18,880,646

Grant Award: $3,776,129 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Concord, NH

State Grant Number: C-982

Project: WWTF Secondary Clarifier Improvements

Description: Improvements to the three secondary clarifiers, including new suction pipe mechanisms, bridge walkways, weirs and baffles, scum troughs, covers, and hatches.
Grant Eligible Project Costs: $4,195,613

Grant Award: $839,122 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 20 years

Municipality: Keene, NH

State Grant Number: C-983

Project: WWTF Sludge Pump Replacement

Description: Replacement of three primary sludge pumps, one primary scum pump, one secondary scum pump, and one RV waste pump that reached the end of their useful lives.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $515,492

Grant Award: $103,098 (20% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 5 years

Municipality: Newmarket, NH

State Grant Number: C-984

Project: Sludge Thickening Upgrade

Description: Installation of a new sludge thickening system, including a new Huber S-Disc Thickener, sludge feed pumps, and sludge grinder to optimize the performance of the existing dewatering screw press.

Grant Eligible Project Costs: $472,178

Grant Award: $141,654 (30% of eligible costs)

Grant Term: 7 years