



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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November 13, 2025

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant (PO# 1095430) to the Well Hill Cooperative, Inc. (VC# 227522 B001) of Alstead, NH, for wastewater system improvements by increasing the grant limitation by \$350,000 to \$1,300,000, from \$950,000, and by extending the completion date to August 31, 2026, from February 28, 2026, effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. The original grant agreement was approved by Governor and Council on September 20, 2023, Item #133. 100% federal funds.

Funding is available in the following account:

03-44-44-440010-2476-072-500574	<u>FY 2026</u>
Dept. Environmental Services, ARPA DES Loans, Grants Federal	\$350,000
Activity Code: 00FRF602WB4401G	

EXPLANATION

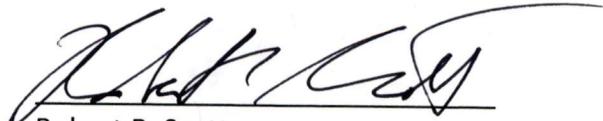
We are requesting approval of this amendment in order to provide Well Hill Cooperative (Cooperative) with additional grant funding and time to complete additional wastewater system improvements to complete the original scope of services. The Cooperative is utilizing grant funding for drinking water and wastewater system improvements. These improvements include installation of an emergency backup power generator for the existing well house and replacement, reconfiguration, and upgrades to the leach fields, septic tanks, pump stations, and septic system components in the existing on-site subsurface disposal system. Due to the current contract's original bid and construction contract, the project has had to reduce the scope of work to fit within the remaining ARPA grant budget. Currently the ARPA grant is funding improvements to Wastewater System A, which is the main system that most of the homes are connected to.

NHDES, through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, has offered the Cooperative an additional \$350,000 in grant funds, increasing the total grant limitation to \$1,300,000, to be used towards the wastewater system improvements. The additional funding will be used for replacement and upgrades to Wastewater System B, which the remaining homes are connected to. This will allow the entire community to be connected to upgraded wastewater systems. The time extension will ensure that all

work can be completed, and the entire ARPA grant award can be utilized towards necessary improvements. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. To date, \$273,905.35 of the original \$950,000 grant has been spent.

In the event federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program. This grant amendment has been approved by the Attorney General's Office as to form, substance and execution.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

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Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

**Grant Agreement with the Well Hill Cooperative Inc.
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant (CW-334430-01)
Amendment No. 1**

This Agreement (hereinafter called the Amendment) is by and between the State of New Hampshire, acting by and through its Department of Environmental Services (hereinafter referred to as the State) and the Well Hill Cooperative, Inc. acting by and through its Treasurer, Bonnie Chase and President, Joe Miaski (hereinafter referred to as the Grantee).

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Agreement (hereinafter called the Agreement) approved by the Governor and Council on September 20, 2023, the Grantee agreed to perform certain services upon the terms and conditions specified in the Agreement and in consideration of payment by the State of certain sums as specified therein; and

WHEREAS, The Grantee and the State have agreed to amend the Agreement in certain respects;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement and set forth herein, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. Amendment and Modification of Agreement: The Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
 - (A) The Completion Date as set forth in sub-paragraph 1.7 of the Agreement shall be changed from February 28, 2026, to August 31, 2026.
 - (B) The Grant Limitation as set forth in sub-paragraph 1.8 of the Agreement shall be changed to \$1,300,000 from \$950,000.
 - (C) The grant award as set forth in the first paragraph of Exhibit C, the Grant Limitation shall be changed to \$1,300,000 from \$950,000.
2. Effective Date of Amendment: This Amendment shall take effect upon the date of approval of this Amendment by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire.
3. Continuance of Agreement: Except as specifically amended and modified by the terms and conditions of this Amendment, the Agreement, and the obligations of the parties thereunder, shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

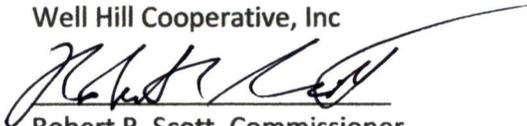
Accepted by:


Joe Miaski, President
Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.

10/20/2025
Date


Bonnie Chase, Treasurer
Well Hill Cooperative, Inc

10/20/2025
Date


Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

11/13/25
Date


Assistant Attorney General Keely Lovato
Department of Justice
Approved as to form, substance and execution.

11/18/25
Date

State of New Hampshire

Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that WELL HILL COOPERATIVE, INC. is a New Hampshire Consumer Cooperative registered to transact business in New Hampshire on November 22, 2004. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **498096**

Certificate Number: **0007319704**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 28th day of October A.D. 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scanlan", is written over a faint circular outline.

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.
48 Well Hill Way, Alstead, NH 03602

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

I, Cindy Blood do hereby certify that:

1. I am the Secretary of the Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.
2. At a meeting held on October 25, 2025 the board voted to apply to submit an amendment request to modify a certain American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA) grant agreement with the **State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services** for a water and wastewater system improvement project, as approved by the Governor and Council on September 20, 2023.
3. The Well Hill Cooperative, Inc. further authorized the Treasurer, Bonnie Chase, and President, Joe Miaski, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this Grant Agreement.
4. This authority has not been revoked, superseded, or amended as of the date of this certification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Secretary, Cindy Blood, of the Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.

Signature: Cindy Blood

Date: 10/28/2025

**Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.
Mobile Home Park
Alstead, NH 03602**

October 28, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

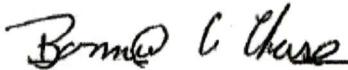
Please be advised that Well Hill Cooperative, Inc., does not currently have any employees and is run by a 5-person volunteer Board of Directors. All our water and wastewater system maintenance are currently contracted out. For these reasons we do not carry a workman's compensation policy.

Please feel free to reach out with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Joe Miaski, President
Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.



Bonnie Chase, Treasurer
Well Hill Cooperative, Inc.