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January 28, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to accept and expend federal grant funds in the amount of \$48,131 from the U.S. Department of Transportation - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (USDOT-PHMSA) for non-gas related work performed in the enforcement of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System effective upon Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

These federal grant funds are to be budgeted in the One Call Grant accounting unit as follows:

02-52-52-520010-18990000 One Call Grant				
Class - Account	Class Description	Current FY26 Budget	Request	Modified FY26 Budget
Expenses				
040 -501587	INDIRECT COSTS	\$0	\$9,616	\$9,616
041 - 500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	\$0	\$48	\$48
050 - 500109	PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPOINT	\$0	\$27,532	\$27,532
060 - 500601	BENEFITS	\$0	\$10,935	\$10,935
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$48,131	\$48,131
Revenue				
000-407735-16	ONE CALL GRANT	\$0	\$48,131	\$48,131
	Total Revenue	\$0	\$48,131	\$48,131

EXPLANATION

The enforcement of New Hampshire laws pertaining to gas-related DigSafe violations is funded through a USDOT Natural Gas Pipeline Safety grant. Accordingly, the Department requests authorization to accept and expend \$48,131 in USDOT-PHMSA grant funds for non-gas DigSafe enforcement activities, related to telephone, cable, electric, water, and sewer facilities, and to budget the funds as follows:

Class 040 – Indirect Costs will be used to fund the Department’s approved indirect cost recoveries.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside will be used to cover the 0.1% charge of the federal grant funds for audit purposes.

Class 050 – Personal Service Temp Appointment – Part Time Salaries will be used to support the portion of salary costs for current staff associated with the non-gas DigSafe enforcement. No new employees will be hired.

Class 060 – Benefits will be used to cover the benefits costs associated with current staff time spent on non-gas DigSafe enforcement.

In the event Federal funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these expenditures.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

1. Award No. 693JK32540018PSOC	2. Modification No.	3. Effective Date 10/01/2025	4. CFDA No.
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5. Awarded To EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHI 21 S FRUIT ST STE 10 CONCORD NH 033012428	5. Sponsoring Office PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SA Office of Pipeline Safety (PHP) 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, East Bldg, 3rd Washington DC 20590	7. Period of Performance 10/01/2025 through 09/30/2026
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8. Type of Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other	9. Authority	10. Purchase Request or Funding Document No. PH956-25-0015
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11. Remittance Address EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHI 21 SOUTH FRUIT STREET CONCORD NH 033012428	12. Total Amount Govt. Share: \$48,131.00 Cost Share : \$0.00 Total : \$48,131.00	13. Funds Obligated This action: \$48,131.00 Total : \$48,131.00
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14. Principal Investigator	15. Program Manager REX EVANS Phone: 217-801-8014	16. Administrator PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SA Acquisition Services Division 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, East Bldg, 3rd Washington DC 20590
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17. Submit Payment Requests To	18. Paying Office FAA/MMAC/PHMSA HQ 272F AMK 316 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd Oklahoma City OK 73169	19. Submit Reports To
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20. Accounting and Appropriation Data
5172325TB5.2025.PSGRT02020.50D0207000.41050.61000000.0000000000.0000000000.0000000000.0000000000

21. Research Title and/or Description of Project

For the Recipient	For the United States of America
22. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign	25. Signature of Grants/Agreements Officer

23. Name and Title	24. Date Signed	26. Name of Officer DORIS J. EVANS	27. Date Signed
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ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
02200	<p>UEI: TNVEUXNKAF57</p> <p>The New Hampshire Department of Energy has received this Grant award based on the stated work to be performed within the State;s application.</p> <p>The CFDA Number for PHMSA Pipeline Safety Program One Call Grant is 20.721.</p> <p>The Period of Performance is hereby October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.</p> <p>Prepay Indicate: NO</p> <p>Delivery: 1 Days After Award</p> <p>Delivery Location Code: PHMSA PHP-50</p> <p>State Programs</p> <p>1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE</p> <p>E21-321</p> <p>Washington DC 20590 USA</p> <p>New Hampshire One-Call Grant - This grant is awarded to New Hampshire Dept of Energy in support of Pipeline Safety to reduce damages to underground pipelines by excavators, which has historically been a leading cause of pipeline accidents resulting in fatality and injury.</p> <p>Intended beneficiary: New Hampshire Dept of Energy (UEI: TNVEUXNKAF57)</p> <p>Activities to be performed, Deliverables, Expected Outcomes: Grant funding is requested to fund personnel and fringe benefit costs associated with the department's Underground Damage Prevention Specialist position, which conducts compliance and enforcement activity. The estimated program costs exceed the maximum allowed for this grant. Total award \$48,131</p> <p>Subrecipient activities: [Not applicable - this grant does not have sub-recipients]</p> <p>POINTS OF CONTACT:</p> <p>State Agency: Mr. James Murphy, 603-271-6554, James.G.Murphy@energy.nh.gov</p> <p>Government Contracts: Doris (Jeanette) Evans, 202-596-0108, doris.evans@dot.gov</p> <p>Government Technical: Rex Evans, 217-801-8014, rex.evans@dot.gov</p> <p>Obligated Amount: \$48,131.00</p> <p>Continued ...</p>				48,131.00

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	<p>*****</p> <p>The grantee will fill out and submit the annual Progress Report after the period of performance is complete. PHMSA State Programs will contact the grantee after the award is executed with instructions on submitting the e-invoice for advance payment.</p> <p>The obligated amount of award: \$48,131.00. The total for this award is \$48,131.00.</p>				