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The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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January 12, 2026

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#1095231) to the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. of Tuftonboro, NH (VC# 203389 B001), by extending the completion date to August 31, 2026, from February 28, 2026, effective upon Governor & Council approval through August 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. The original grant agreement was approved by Governor and Council on September 6, 2023, Item #55. 100% federal funds.

EXPLANATION

We are requesting approval of this amendment to provide additional time to the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. to complete drinking water and wastewater system improvements. Drinking water infrastructure improvements include new source development including exploration, site preparation and installation, permitting, pump testing and connection to the existing water system. Wastewater system improvements include replacement and upgrades to leach fields and septic system components in the existing on-site subsurface disposal systems. Construction has reached a substantial completion milestone, but due to winter weather conditions, the remaining infrastructure improvements and site clean-up, including paving, will need to be performed in the spring. The time extension will allow the Cooperative to complete the anticipated work scoped for the water and wastewater system improvements and return the site back to its original condition. 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, \$1,106,406.16 of the original \$1,312,000 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.

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

**Grant Agreement with the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant (CW-334413-01)
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 North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. acting by and through its President, Peter Billings (hereinafter referred to as the Grantee).

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Agreement (hereinafter called the Agreement) approved by the Governor and Council on September 6, 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 Grant Completion Date as set forth in sub-paragraph 1.7 of the Agreement shall be changed to August 31, 2026 from February 28, 2026.

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:

Peter D. Billings, President

Peter Billings, President
North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.

December 16, 2025

Date

Robert R. Scott

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

1/13/26

Date

Keely Lovato

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

1/15/2026

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 NORTH COUNTRY VILLAGE COOPERATIVE, INC. is a New Hampshire Consumer Cooperative registered to transact business in New Hampshire on December 12, 2001. 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: 391934

Certificate Number: 0007175070



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 5th day of May A.D. 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.
100 Willow Avenue Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

I, DAVID L. JOHNSON, JR. do hereby certify that:

1. I am the Vice President of the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.
2. At a meeting held on December 16, 2025, the board members 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 6, 2023.
3. The North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. further authorized the President, Peter Billings, 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 Vice President, David L. Johnson, Jr., of the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.

Signature:



Date:

December 16, 2025



North Country Village Cooperative, Inc.
100 Willow Avenue
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816-5937

December 16, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. does not currently have any employees. The Cooperative is governed and run by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Water and waste water systems are serviced by outside contracted companies, thus the Cooperative does not carry a Workmen's Compensation Policy as such.

Regards,

Peter D. Billings, President

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North Country Village Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors: