



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



March 3, 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#1089999) to the City of Claremont, NH (VC# 177373 B001), by extending the completion date from April 30, 2026, to July 31, 2026, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Dewatering Upgrades, effective upon Governor & Council approval through July 31, 2026. This is a no cost time extension. The original grant was approved by Governor and Council on November 22, 2022, Item #144 and amended on February 5, 2025, Item #5A. 100% federal funds.

EXPLANATION

We are requesting approval of this amendment to provide the City of Claremont additional time to complete the agreed-upon scope of services. The city is replacing aging infrastructure and improving the reliability of the solids handling system by adding redundant units. Final design is progressing, and equipment for the upgrades has been ordered. However, delays in receiving and reviewing manufacturer submittals have impacted the project schedule and equipment delivery. While some equipment is expected soon, there is risk that delivery of some equipment and associated payments could occur after April 30, 2026. The extension will ensure all necessary equipment is delivered, allowing the city to fully utilize the grant for equipment purchase, installation, and related construction costs. To date, \$365,437.22 of the original \$1,355,700 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 City of Claremont
ARPA Grant CW-334114-22
Amendment No. 2

This Agreement (hereinafter called the Amendment) dated this 3rd day of February 2026, 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 City of Claremont acting by and through its City Manager, Nancy L. Bates (hereinafter referred to as the Grantee).

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Agreement (hereinafter called the Agreement) approved by the Governor and Council on November 22, 2022 and amended on February 5, 2025, 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.

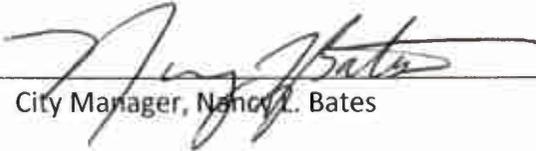
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement and set forth herein, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

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 April 30, 2026, to July 31, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands as of the day and year first above written.

City of Claremont

By 
City Manager, Nancy L. Bates

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF Sullivan

On this the 3rd day of February 2026, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared Nancy L. Bates who acknowledged herself to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

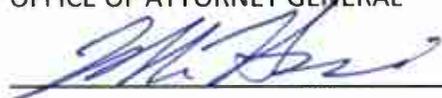

My Commission Expires:

Catherine H. Parks
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires 3/8/2028

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Environmental Services

By: 
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

Approved by Attorney General this 5th day of March 2026, as to form, substance and execution.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL


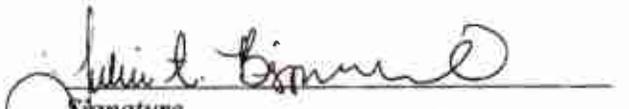
CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
City of Claremont
58 Opera House Square
Claremont, NH 03743

I, Julia A. Bizzarro, do hereby certify that I am the Assistant City Clerk of the City of Claremont, a municipality in the state of New Hampshire, county of Sullivan, in the United States of America.

I do further certify that Nancy Bates is the City Manager of the municipality and is duly authorized by the by-laws and laws of the State of New Hampshire to execute and deliver for on behalf of the municipality any contracts with the State of New Hampshire. This authority was given during an official meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont on the following date: Wednesday December 17, 2025.

I further certify that such authority has not been repealed, rescinded, or amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and attached the seal of the City of Claremont on this 21st day of January, 2026.


Signature
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk to Council
Title of Signatory



NOTARY STATEMENT

As Notary Public and/or Justice of the Peace, registered in the state of New Hampshire, county of Sullivan upon this date 21 Jan 20, appeared before me Julia Bizzarro, the above signed officer personally appeared, Julia A. Bizzarro who acknowledged herself to be the Assistant City Clerk of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire, and that being authorized to do so, she executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing by herself in the name of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.


Signature of Notary or Justice of the Peace
Catherine H Parks
Name of Notary or Justice of the Peace

SEAL

Catherine H. Parks
NOTARY PUBLIC
3.0.28
Date of Expiration of Commission



CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex³ is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³ Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only, Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex³. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

<i>Participating Member:</i> City of Claremont 58 Opera House Square Claremont, NH 03743		<i>Member Number:</i> 141	<i>Company Affording Coverage:</i> NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex ³ PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716	
Type of Coverage	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Liability (Occurrence Form) Professional Liability (describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	Each Occurrence	\$2,000,000
			General Aggregate	\$10,000,000
			Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
			Med Exp (Any one person)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile Liability Deductible Comp and Coll: \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Any auto	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	\$ 2,000,000
			Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory	
			Each Accident	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Each Employee	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Policy Limit	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	Deductible: \$1,000
Description: Proof of Primex Member coverage only. Pollution and hazardous waste related liabilities, expenses and claims are excluded from coverage in the coverage document.				

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:	Additional Covered Party	Loss Payee	Primex³ – NH Public Risk Management Exchange
State of New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095			By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
			Date: 1/21/2026 mpurcell@nhprimex.org
			Please direct inquiries to: Primex³ Claims/Coverage Services 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax