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State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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May 14, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Arts to accept and expend a donation of \$10,000 from Bayberry Financial effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Funds will be deposited in the following account:

03-35-35-353510-41000000, State Art Fund

FY2026
\$10,000

EXPLANATION

Effective July 1, 2025, RSA 19-A:9 established a continually appropriating, non-lapsing fund known as the Granite Patron of the Arts Fund that “shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the division of the arts or the New Hampshire council on the arts” and “Implementation expenses, the expenses of the division and council, any employees of the division or council, and operations and initiatives of the division and council shall be paid from such fund.” Bayberry Financial would like to donate \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 19-A:9 for the ongoing operations of the Division of Arts.

Also effective July 1, 2025, RSA 77-A:5, XVII allows donating taxpayers to claim a credit of 50% or a share of the maximum aggregate credit amount allowed. The maximum aggregate credit amount is \$350,000 per year and there will be no carry forward credit allowed. This generous program is anticipated to encourage additional donations to the Granite Patron of the Arts Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adam Crepeau".

Adam J. Crepeau
Commissioner



Bayberry Financial Services

April 21, 2026

Adele Sicilia, Director, Division of Arts
Granite Patron of the Arts Fund
NH DRA
172 Pembroke Rd.
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Sicilia,

On behalf of Bayberry Financial Services, I am pleased to submit a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to the DNCR Division of the Arts / New Hampshire Council on the Arts.

We are making this donation with the intent of participating in the Granite Patron of the Arts Tax Credit program. We look forward to receiving the necessary confirmation from your office to complete our application with the Department of Revenue Administration.

Thank you for the vital work the DNCR does in preserving and promoting the cultural resources of New Hampshire. If you have any questions or require further information regarding our business entity, please contact my assistant directly at (603) 929-2368 or email: abunnell@libertycharitable.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michele Montrone Cogan'.

Michele Montrone Cogan

Enclosure