



# State of New Hampshire

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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairperson  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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

### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and EMS (FSTEMS) to accept and expend NH Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funds from the Department of Environmental Services in an amount not to exceed \$525,000 to procure a diesel-powered fire rescue truck to strengthen emergency response capabilities and support the protection, security, and physical safety of the citizens of New Hampshire, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Intra Agency Transfers.**

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY2026 in the following account:  
02-23-23-232010-77280000 Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

Class	Class Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
007-401746-44	AGENCY INCOME	(\$149,906)	(\$525,000)	(\$674,906)
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(\$149,906)</b>	<b>(\$525,000)</b>	<b>(\$674,906)</b>
030-500320	MOTOR VEHICLES (REPLACE)	\$149,906	\$525,000	\$674,906
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$149,906</b>	<b>\$525,000</b>	<b>\$674,906</b>

### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to accept and expend grant funding from the Department of Environmental Services under the New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Program. The purpose of the NH Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust is to fund the replacement of diesel-powered vehicles, engines and equipment in order to reduce diesel emissions and improve air quality throughout New Hampshire. The funds accepted under this request will support the procurement of a 2026 Kenworth T480 diesel-powered fire rescue truck to enhance

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emergency response capabilities and help ensure the security and physical safety of the citizens of New Hampshire. The new apparatus will replace a 1997 International 4900 fire rescue truck which produces significantly higher emissions and no longer meets modern operational and safety standards. The proposed replacement will be a modern rescue truck equipped with updated safety systems, improved operational capabilities, enhanced reliability, and reduced emissions while supporting current firefighting practices and equipment requirements. The new unit will be deployed between the Concord campus and the recently expanded Bethlehem training facility, increasing overall utilization and supporting expanded training delivery. In addition, the vehicle will be used for offsite training programs across the state, improving access to hands on instruction for local fire departments.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 030 – Motor Vehicles (Replace): to purchase the fire rescue truck

In the event that Intra Agency funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Safety