



State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION
BUREAU OF TRAILS



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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a,VI authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department), Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to budget and expend prior year carry forward from the Grant in Aid Program dedicated fund in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of funding issuance of grants to support trails maintenance, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Other Funds (Transfers from Fish & Game).**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

03-035-035-351510-35560000, Grant In Aid – Snowmobiles

Class-Account-RG	Class Description	FY26 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY26 Adjusted Authorized
001-484975-69	Transfers From Other Agency	\$6,098,147	\$3,000,000	\$9,098,147
	Total Revenue	\$6,098,147	\$3,000,000	\$9,098,147
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$10,013		\$10,013
075-500590	Grants Subsidies And Relief	\$6,016,980	\$3,000,000	\$9,016,980
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	\$71,154		\$71,154
	Total Expenses	\$6,098,147	\$3,000,000	\$9,098,147

EXPLANATION

The Department’s ability to complete seasonal trails maintenance needed for the snowmobile trail

network and equipment purchases prior to the start of the 2026-2027 winter snowmobile season is vitally important to proper preparedness for use of the trails system during the winter season.

These are dedicated fund accounts that maintain fund balances to be used for such maintenance purposes as needed. For this reason, we are seeking approval to have these balances appropriated so we may ensure that the summer trail improvements and winter grooming hours, currently approved by the Bureau of Trails, can be awarded for this summer and winter season. The Grant in Aid account is also used by volunteer clubs to purchase trail grooming equipment, which is currently being reviewed by the GIA Advisory Committee and expected for delivery in December. Budgeting of these available funds will allow us to ensure completion of these trail maintenance efforts and purchasing of equipment by the clubs through our Grant-In-Aid program contracts.

Your approval of this request will ensure that trail grooming can continue during the winter season and trails will stay open and that the revenues anticipated from trails use are realized.

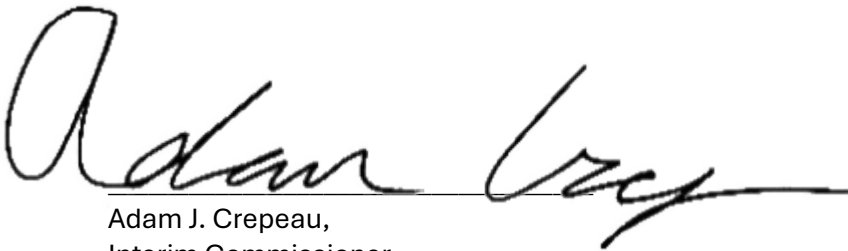
The funds will be allocated as follows:

Class 075 – Grants, Subsidies & Relief – \$3,000,000 to support Grant in Aid grant rounds for coming 2026-2027 summer and winter Trails maintenance operations.

Funding for this requested action is 100% Other Funds, transfer from NH Fish and Game from snowmobile registrations per RSA 215-C:39.

In the event that other funds are no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Crepeau", written over a horizontal line.

Adam J. Crepeau,
Interim Commissioner

State of New Hampshire
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Grant in Aid Snow Fund

FISCAL SITUATION

**Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Grant in Aid Wheeled Fund Fiscal Situation FY 2026
03-35-35-351510- 35560000 – Grant in Aid Snow**

Total Fund Beg Bal FY 2026	\$ 7,797,616
FY26 Estimated Revenue	<u>\$ 3,181,154</u>
Total FY 2026 Available Funds to Budget	\$10,978,770
Less:	
FY26 Budgeted Appropriations	<u>(\$ 6,098,147)</u>
Total Current Available for Budgeting	\$ 4,880,623
Requested Actions:	
Budget and Expend =>	\$ 3,000,000
Total Remaining Available Funds	\$ 1,880,623