



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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June 23, 2026

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend \$250,000 in Great Bay 2030 Funds from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF), to support engineering, design, alternatives analysis, permitting, and stakeholder engagement required to develop a long-term solution to fish passage deficiencies at the Winnicut River Fishway in Greenland, NH effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027. 100% NHCF funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

FISH CONSERVATION						
03-75-75-752020-21360000						
Fiscal Year 2027						
	Expense	Class Description	Revenue	Current		Adjusted
005		PRIVATE/LOCAL FUNDS	405474-20	\$9,612	\$250,000	\$259,612
Total				\$9,612	\$250,000	\$259,612
Expense						
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES		1,000	0	1,000
050	500109	PART-TIME PERSONNEL		8,000	0	8,000
060	500611	BENEFITS		612	0	612
103	502507	CONTRACTS FOR OPERATIONAL SVCS.		0	250,000	250,000
Total				\$9,612	\$250,000	\$259,612

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EXPLANATION

The Winnicut River Fishway, constructed in 2011, has been documented as a significant barrier to upstream migration for anadromous fish. Technical assessments conducted by NHFG and the US Fish and Wildlife Service found that excessive velocities within the existing pool-and-chute structure prevent effective upstream passage and limit the ecological connectivity of the Winnicut River system. The Great Bay 2030 grant will allow NHFG to work with a qualified engineering firm and the project's Technical Advisory Committee, including NHFG, NHDES, NHDOT, NOAA, USFWS, and the Town of Greenland to evaluate alternatives and produce a shovel-ready design and complete state/federal permitting by 2028, consistent with the GB2030 project timeline.

The grant funds will support:

- Comprehensive alternatives analysis to evaluate 5–7 fishway modification or replacement concepts, integrating hydrology, 2D/3D hydraulic modeling, and species-specific passage criteria.
- Conceptual, preliminary, and final engineering designs for the preferred alternative, including 95% stamped plans suitable for permitting and future construction.
- Permit preparation and coordination for NHDES Wetlands, Shoreland, and federal approvals.
- Technical Advisory Committee meetings and community engagement, ensuring the project reflects watershed priorities and public benefits central to Great Bay 2030.
- Development of bid documents and specifications to prepare for construction once funding is secured.

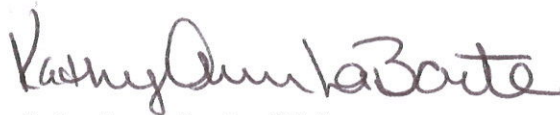
Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 103 is being budgeted to allow for entering into contracts with an engineering firm(s) to assist in developing a long term solution.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division



March 19, 2026

State of New Hampshire
Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

Grant# 201733

Dear Mr. Lamy,

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has tentatively approved a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Department, in support of the *Winnicut River Fish Passway Design and Permitting* project. This award is made possible through contributions from the Great Bay Watershed Fund.

Please note that this grant is contingent upon the project receiving all required approvals at the State level. Upon fulfillment of these requirements, kindly notify the Foundation regarding the next steps for payment processing.

Should you have any questions concerning this grant or its terms, please contact us at grantapp@nhcf.org. When corresponding, please reference the Grant ID listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Delekta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Simon Delekta
Vice President of Community Engagement and Impact