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August 21, 2026

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
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 Energy to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$26,062,185 from the United States Department of Energy, under the Inflation Reduction Act Home Efficiency Rebates Program to provide rebates to eligible households for the purchase of certain electric appliances, effective upon Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows: **02-52-52-520510-65760000 HOME ELECTRIFICATION REBATES**

| CLASS/ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION                 | CURRENT FY27 BUDGET | REQUEST             | MODIFIED FY27 BUDGET |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 000/404590-16 | FEDERAL FUNDS               | \$8,075,034         | \$26,062,185        | \$34,137,219         |
|               | <b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>        | <b>\$8,075,034</b>  | <b>\$26,062,185</b> | <b>\$34,137,219</b>  |
| 020/500200    | CURRENT EXPENSES            | \$1,000             | \$500               | \$1,500              |
| 022/500255    | RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA | \$1,239             | \$2,500             | \$3,739              |
| 027/582703    | TRANSFERS TO DOIT           | \$0                 | \$50,000            | \$50,000             |
| 028/582814    | TRANSFERS TO GENERAL SERVIC | \$5,221             | \$25,000            | \$30,221             |

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| 030/500301 | EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT      | \$500              | \$100               | \$600               |
| 037/500173 | TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE            | \$2,000            | \$0                 | \$2,000             |
| 038/500175 | TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE            | \$500              | \$0                 | \$500               |
| 039/500180 | TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | \$1,599            | \$4,000             | \$5,599             |
| 040/501587 | INDIRECT COSTS                 | \$85,131           | \$338,984           | \$424,115           |
| 041/500801 | AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE           | \$8,071            | \$26,100            | \$34,171            |
| 050/500109 | PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPRO    | \$10,000           | \$0                 | \$10,000            |
| 059/500117 | TEMP FULL TIME                 | \$223,192          | \$800,000           | \$1,023,192         |
| 060/500601 | BENEFITS                       | \$105,977          | \$550,000           | \$655,977           |
| 066/500543 | EMPLOYEE TRAINING              | \$2,500            | \$2,500             | \$5,000             |
| 070/500704 | IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT  | \$1,000            | \$500               | \$1,500             |
| 080/500710 | OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEM | \$5,000            | \$1,000             | \$6,000             |
| 102/500731 | CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES | \$7,622,104        | \$24,261,001        | \$31,883,105        |
|            | <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>     | <b>\$8,075,034</b> | <b>\$26,062,185</b> | <b>\$34,137,219</b> |

**EXPLANATION**

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The Department of Energy (Department) received funds from the US Department of Energy through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). These funds are for the remaining balance of the program, which provides funding to the State to provide rebates to households for select electric appliances, within the confines of the issued program guidance and federal law. Rebates will be available for the following appliances and related measures, subject to federal income requirements. Those households at or below 80% of area median income or less will be eligible for 100% of projects costs, up to the caps indicated below, while those households above 80% area median income up to 150% of area median income will be eligible for 50% of project costs, up to the caps indicated below.

- Heat pump hot water heater: \$1,750
- Heat pump for space heating and cooling: \$8,000
- Electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven: \$840
- Heat pump clothes dryer: \$840
- Electric load service center upgrade: \$4,000
- Insulation, air sealing, and ventilation: \$1,600
- Electrical wiring: \$2,500

Program launch has met with several delays including long lead time for the US Department of Energy in issuing initial guidance for the program and release of applications to the states, further changes in federal guidance, a change in federal administration, a review by said new administration of all federal programs that lead to a more than year long pause on US Department of Energy granting any approvals for program launches. In the meantime, the Department developed and issued an RFP and successfully contracted with a program implementer, which continues to build out the infrastructure needed to launch the program.

The US Department of Energy recently announced they were 'unpausing' the program, taking initial steps to move forward with the program nationwide, and released updated guidance that all states must conform with. States with operating programs have been given a three-month window to conform to the new guidance or risk forfeiting their funds.

As a 'ready to launch' state, New Hampshire is in the queue for review and approval, once the currently operating states have been approved. Department of Energy staff have been working to make all required updates to the program and are participating in an acceleration cohort with the US Department of Energy to launch this program as quickly as possible. The Department anticipates that the US Department of Energy will begin to reengage with the state in the late Summer/early Autumn timeframe.

To date, only 13 states have operating programs, with a further 19 states, including New Hampshire, waiting US DOE approval to launch their programs. The remaining 24 states and territories are in various stages of early program development.

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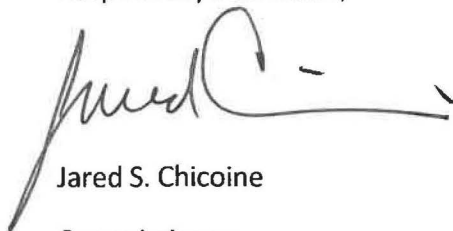
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Funds are requested for the following purposes:

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| Class 020 – Current Expenses                | For supplies and other current expenses to support the program    |
| Class 022 – Rents – Leases Other Than State | For copier rental                                                 |
| Class 027 - Transfers to DOIT               | Transfers for DoIT costs                                          |
| Class 028 – Transfers to General Services   | For building rent to DAS                                          |
| Class 030 – Equipment New Replacement       | To purchase or replace furniture                                  |
| Class 039 - Telecommunications              | For telecommunication expenses                                    |
| Class 040 - Indirect Costs                  | For the required Department indirect costs.                       |
| Class 041 - Audit Fund Set Aside            | For additional .1% audit fund set aside requirements.             |
| Class 059 - Temp Full Time                  | Current positions' salary for the remainder of the grant period   |
| Class 060 - Benefits                        | Current positions' benefits for the remainder of the grant period |
| Class 066 - Training                        | Training for current positions                                    |
| Class 070 - In State Travel                 | In-state-travel for the program                                   |
| Class 080 - Out of State Travel             | Out-of-state travel for the program                               |
| Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services  | Contracts for Program Services and Monitoring                     |

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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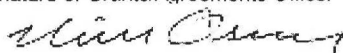
**FISCAL SITUATION**

**02-52-52-520510-65760000 HOME ELECTRIFICATION REBATES**

**DE-SE0000106**

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Grant Award                | \$34,749,580 |
| Less: Funds Accepted to Date     | \$8,687,395  |
| Remaining Grant Available        | \$26,062,185 |
| Requested Action                 | \$26,062,185 |
| Amount Available to be Requested | \$0          |

## ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

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| 1. Award No.<br>DE-SE0000106                                                                                                                                 |  | 2. Modification No.<br>0005                                       |  | 3. Effective Date<br>08/01/2023                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                              | 4. CFDA No.<br>81.041                                                        |                                                                 |
| 5. Awarded To<br>EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHI<br>Attn: Leonard Rautio<br>21 S Fruit St Ste 10<br>Concord NH 033012428                        |  |                                                                   |  | 6. Sponsoring Office<br>State and Community Energy Programs<br>U.S. Department of Energy<br>1000 Independence Ave, SW<br>Washington DC 20585 |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              | 7. Period of Performance<br>08/01/2023<br>through<br>09/30/2031 |
| 8. Type of Agreement<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other        |  | 9. Authority<br>117-169 IRA 2022<br>109-58 Energy Policy Act 2005 |  |                                                                                                                                              | 10. Purchase Request or Funding Document No.<br>26SE0000075                                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| 11. Remittance Address<br>EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHI<br>Attn: Leonard Rautio<br>21 South Fruit Street<br>Concord NH 033012428              |  |                                                                   |  | 12. Total Amount<br>Govt. Share: \$34,749,580.00<br><br>Cost Share : \$0.00<br><br>Total : \$34,749,580.00                                   |                                                                                                                                              | 13. Funds Obligated<br>This action: \$0.00<br><br>Total :<br>\$34,749,580.00 |                                                                 |
| 14. Principal Investigator                                                                                                                                   |  | 15. Program Manager<br>Kelsie M. Bell<br>Phone: (240) 474-3004    |  |                                                                                                                                              | 16. Administrator<br>Golden Field Office<br>U.S. Department of Energy<br>Golden Field Office<br>15013 Denver West Parkway<br>Golden CO 80401 |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| 17. Submit Payment Requests To<br>Payment - Direct Payment<br>from U.S. Dept of Treasury                                                                     |  |                                                                   |  | 18. Paying Office<br>Multiple                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                              | 19. Submit Reports To<br>See Attachment 2                                    |                                                                 |
| 20. Accounting and Appropriation Data<br>05479-2022-31-200835-41020-1800008-0000000-0000000-0000000                                                          |  |                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| 21. Research Title and/or Description of Project<br>Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Section 50122 - Home Efficiency Rebates Program Early Administrative Funds |  |                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| For the Recipient                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                   |  | For the United States of America                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| 22. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                   |  | 25. Signature of Grants/Agreements Officer<br>           |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                 |
| 23. Name and Title                                                                                                                                           |  | 24. Date Signed                                                   |  | 26. Name of Officer<br>Nicholas C. Oscarsson                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                              | 27. Date Signed<br>01/13/2026                                                |                                                                 |

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| ITEM NO.<br>(A) | SUPPLIES/SERVICES<br>(B)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | QUANTITY<br>(C) | UNIT<br>(D) | UNIT PRICE<br>(E) | AMOUNT<br>(F) |
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|                 | <p>UEI: TNVEUXNKAF57</p> <p>The purposes of this modification are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend the Period of Performance end date to 04/30/2026, as shown in Block 7; and,</li> <li>2. Update the DOE Project Officer, as shown below.</li> </ol> <p>The current Project Period for this award is 08/01/2023 through 07/31/2028 consisting of the following Tranches:</p> <p>Tranche 1: 08/01/2023 through 04/30/2026<br/>Tranche 2-4: TBD</p> <p>In Block 7 of the Assistance Agreement, the Period of Performance reflects the beginning of the Project Period through the end of the current Budget Period.</p> <p>In addition to this Assistance Agreement, this award consists of the items listed on the Cover Page of the Special Terms and Conditions. Recipient acknowledges the activities approved by this award are listed in the NEPA determination, Attachment 5 of this Award. If new activities, or activities that do not fit within the restrictions listed in the NEPA determination are proposed, additional NEPA review and Contracting Officer approval are required. Contact your DOE Project Officer, as shown below. This award is subject to the Financial Assistance regulations contained in 2 CFR 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.</p> <p>Funding for all awards and future budget periods is contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program and the availability of future-year budget authority.</p> <p>The Special Terms and Conditions for this award contain specific funding restrictions. Please review the applicable terms for procedures required to lift the restrictions. Specifically, Term 7 which restricts access to funding outside of your current tranche. This Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) for this Award establishes funding tranches. The Recipient's approved use of funds is only for the tranche that DOE has approved the recipient for. The</p> <p>Continued ...</p> |                 |             |                   |               |

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|                 | <p>Recipient is not approved to use funds in other tranches beyond those it is approved for. If the Recipient uses funds beyond what it has been approved to use, SCEP reserves the right to disallow associated funds as well as take other actions as listed in Term 7 of the Special Terms and Conditions.</p> <p>All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.</p> <p>DOE Award Administrator: Denise McCracken<br/>E-mail: Denise.McCracken@ee.doe.gov<br/>Phone: 720-416-5701</p> <p>DOE Project Officer: Kelsie Bell<br/>E-mail: kelsie.bell@hq.doe.gov<br/>Phone: 303-681-7876</p> <p>Recipient Business Officer: Leonard Rautio<br/>E-mail: leonard.j.rautio1@energy.nh.gov<br/>Phone: 603-271-6008</p> <p>Recipient Principal Investigator: Tyler Minnich<br/>E-mail: tyler.o.minnich@engery.nh.gov<br/>Phone: 603-271-2442</p> <p>Electronic signature or signatures as used in this document means a method of signing an electronic message that-</p> <p>(A) Identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic message;</p> <p>(B) Indicates such person's approval of the information contained in the electronic message; and,</p> <p>(C) Submission via FedConnect constitutes electronically signed documents.</p> <p>ASAP: YES Extent Competed: NOT AVAIL FOR COMP<br/>Davis-Bacon Act: NO PI: Minnich, Tyler<br/>Fund: 05479 Appr Year: 2022 Allottee: 31 Report<br/>Entity: 200835 Object Class: 41020 Program:<br/>1800008 Project: 0000000 WFO: 0000000 Local Use:<br/>0000000</p> |                 |             |                   |               |