



September 21, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of the Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Planning and Development (OPD) to accept and expend \$54,540 from various state agencies for the purposes of maintaining and improving the existing NH GRANIT web site, archiving and distributing agency data through the NH GRANIT database and providing technical support services for the development of GIS data and applications, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027.

100% Inter-Agency Funds

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2027 in the following account:

03-22-22-221510-21980000, Planning Admin

Class	Description	FY27 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	FY27 Revised Authorized
000-400391-16	Federal Funds	\$ 233,644	\$ -	\$ 233,644
007-406216-68	Agency Income	\$ 36,960	\$ 54,540	\$ 91,500
	General Funds	\$ 1,003,278	\$ -	\$ 1,003,278
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,273,882	\$ 54,540	\$ 1,328,422
010-500100	Personal Services Perm	\$ 600,422	\$ -	\$ 600,422
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
022-500248	Rents - Leases - Other than State	\$ 27,025	\$ -	\$ 27,025
026-500251	Organizational dues	\$ 968	\$ -	\$ 968
027-582703	Transfers to DoIT	\$ 4,814	\$ -	\$ 4,814
030-500311	Equipment - New	\$ 515	\$ -	\$ 515
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
040-501587	Indirect Costs	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ 17,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 218	\$ -	\$ 218
042-500620	Post Retirement Benefits	\$ 14,742	\$ -	\$ 14,742
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$ 66,573	\$ -	\$ 66,573

060-500601	Benefits	\$ 378,952	\$ -	\$ 378,952
066-500543	Employee Training	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
070-500707	Travel - in state	\$ 2,395	\$ -	\$ 2,395
080-500717	Travel - out of state	\$ 5,150	\$ -	\$ 5,150
085-588544	Interagency Xfr of Fed Funds	\$ 10,471	\$ -	\$ 10,471
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 130,238	\$ 54,540	\$ 184,778
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,273,882	\$ 54,540	\$ 1,328,422

EXPLANATION

This request seeks an increase in appropriations for the New Hampshire Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer System (NH GRANIT) agreement previously approved by the Governor and Executive Council on June 25, 2025, item #94. This adjustment is necessary due to the Department of Transportation (DOT) combining two separate contracts for services into one contract to improve efficiency.

As a result, an additional \$54,540 in appropriations is required. Originally, \$36,960 was budgeted, and the agreement was approved for \$91,500, resulting in the identified shortfall of \$54,540.

NH GRANIT is a cooperative effort designed to create, maintain, and provide access to a comprehensive statewide geographic database that supports decision-making at the state, regional, and local levels. The project is a long-standing partnership between the University of New Hampshire and the Office of Planning and Development at BEA. The system is housed at the UNH Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space in Durham and consists of a statewide geographic database, the hardware and software required to manage and use that database, and a team of specialists in geographic information systems, image processing, and spatial analysis.

Beyond maintaining the core database, NH GRANIT provides application development, training, and technical services to GIS users across the state and region. The system supports thousands of data accesses each day from a broad range of users, including state agencies, municipalities, Regional Planning Commissions, engineering and surveying firms, environmental and land-use professionals, utilities, non-profit organizations, educators, and the general public. This collaboration is an essential resource for New Hampshire's state agencies, and the expanded work required of NH GRANIT makes the requested appropriation increase necessary.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services – BEA will use these funds to fulfill the agreement with UNH for the NH GRANIT system.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lucy Lange
Commissioner

FISCAL SITUATION
FY 2027
03-22-22-221510-21980000, Planning Admin

Total G&C Receivables Authorized	\$	91,500
Less Revenue received thru 6/30/26	\$	-
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$	91,500
Less Current FY27 Revenue Budgeted	\$	36,960
Total Available for Budgeting	\$	54,540
Available to Budget at a Later Date	\$	-
REQUESTED ACTION	\$	54,540

Governor & Council Approved Item	MOU Amount	Expenses to 6/30/26	Balance
6/25/25 Item 94	\$ 91,500	\$ -	\$ 91,500