



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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September 18, 2026

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the NH Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to accept and expend a disbursement from the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) in the amount of \$37,871 for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle dedicated for conservation easement monitoring, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2027. 100% Agency Income.

Funds to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2027 are as follows:

CONSERVATION LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 03-75-75-755010-57190000						
Class	Expense Account	Class Description	Revenue Account	FY2027 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY2027 Adjusted Budget
Revenue						
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	400338-16	0	0	0
001		TRNSFRS FROM OTHER AG.	484975-69	34,945	0	34,945
009		AGENCY INCOME	401986-24	261,026	37,871	298,897
Total				\$295,971	\$37,871	\$333,842
Expense						
010	500100	PERSONAL SERVICES PERM.		157,363	0	157,363
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES		1,600	0	1,600
022	500255	RENTS, LEASES		480	0	480
026	500251	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES		100	0	100
027	582703	TRANSFERS TO DOIT		7,915	0	7,915
028	582814	TRANSFERS TO GEN. SERVICES		6,719	0	6,719
030	500311	EQUIPMENT	401986-24	515	37,871	38,386
039	500191	TELECOMMUNICATIONS		2,200	0	2,200
040	500800	INDIRECT COST		8,116	0	8,116
042	500620	ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENE.		24,974	0	24,974
049	584995	TSFRS TO OTH AGEN.		77	0	77
050	500109	PERSONAL SVCS TEMP		5,000	0	5,000
060	500602	BENEFITS		72,375	0	72,375
062	500538	WORKERS COMPENSATION		784	0	784
070	500704	IN STATE TRAVEL		6,500	0	6,500
089	588914	TRANSFER TO DAS MAIN. FND		489	0	489
211	501530	CATASTROPHIC CASUALTY INS		764	0	764
Total				\$295,971	\$37,871	\$333,842

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EXPLANATION

NHFG proposes to purchase a RAM 1500 Tradesman 4x4 quad cab pickup truck to support statewide monitoring and enforcement of state-held conservation interests performed by the Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP). The department is responsible for annual monitoring of 110+ conservation easements and provides technical and site visit assistance to 78 towns who acquired 250+ conservation properties through the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP). These duties require reliable access to remote lands located from the Canadian border to the Massachusetts border – and annual mileage for fieldwork has historically exceeded 12,000 miles.

Funding for this purchase will be provided from a Monitoring Endowment, which was established in 1993 by the LCIP Board of Directors and is administered by the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) pursuant to RSA 162-C:8 I. Under RSA 162-C:6 II, NHFG is responsible for monitoring property acquired through the former LCIP on behalf of CORD. Procurement of a dedicated vehicle suitable for year-round monitoring operations will ensure continuity and efficiency, as well as compliance with RSA 162-C.

Funds are budgeted in the following expense classes:

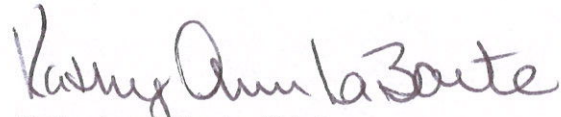
- Class 030 – Equipment, for the purchase of the vehicle.

General funds will not be requested to support this project.

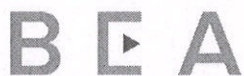
Respectfully submitted,



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September 15, 2026

Charlotte Harding
Conservation Land Stewardship Program
NH Fish and Game Department

RE: Request for vehicle procurement funds

Dear Ms. Harding,

This letter is to notify you that the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) voted to grant your request at their August 6th, 2026 meeting, to authorize disbursement of approximately \$37,871 from the Land Conservation Endowment to the Fish and Game Department to procure a new vehicle dedicated for conservation easement monitoring.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Shank".

Heather Shank
Chair, Council on Resources and Development

Cc: Christopher G. Aslin, Senior Assistant Attorney General – Legal Counsel to CORD

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