



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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July 18, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to RETROACTIVELY amend Fiscal Committee item #FIS 23-034, approved on January 27, 2023, and approved by Governor and Council (item # 95) on February 8, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval as of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. No increase in funding is requested. 100% Federal Funds

EXPLANATION

The purpose of the grant is to fund enhancements of air monitoring of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}) in Laconia to better capture the impacts on the region of winter wood smoke. Specifically, NHDES will utilize these funds to establish a new permanent monitoring station in Laconia equipped with continuous PM_{2.5} monitors that will provide the state and the community with real-time data relative to fine particulate impacts from wood smoke. This request is retroactive as this is the first scheduled Fiscal Committee meeting of the new biennium.

The extension is needed to provide NHDES additional time to complete the negotiations with the owner of the property where the equipment will be installed as well as complete the installation of the monitoring equipment. The time that it is taking to acquire the easement to move the project forward has taken longer than anticipated. To date, \$117,000 of the \$149,000 grant funds have been spent.

In the event federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program. We respectfully request your approval of this time extension.


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The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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January 10, 2023

FIS 23 034

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, NH

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend \$149,000 in federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund the enhancement of air monitoring in Laconia, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2023. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

NHDES is requesting funding to be budgeted as follows:

Air Monitoring Federal
03-44-44-443010-70610000
 Fiscal Year 2023

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-404646	Federal Funds	(\$0)	(\$149,000)	(\$149,000)
Expenditures				
020-500200	Current Expense	\$0	\$8,500	\$8,500
024-500227	Maint Other Than Bldg-Grounds	\$0	\$8,366	\$8,366
030-500302	Equipment	\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0	\$149	\$149
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$0	\$14,985	\$14,985
	TOTAL	\$0	\$149,000	\$149,000

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EXPLANATION

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards announced the availability of funds and solicited applications from eligible entities to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. EPA has awarded these funds to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments.

The purpose of this grant is to advance enhanced monitoring of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) in Laconia to better capture the impacts on the region of winter wood smoke. Specifically, NHDES will utilize these funds to establish a new permanent monitoring station in Laconia equipped with continuous PM2.5 monitors that will provide the state and the community with real-time data relative to fine particulate impacts from wood smoke. Availability of real-time data from the site will help residents reduce the risk of adverse health effects, including cancer and neurological effects.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

Class 020 Current Expenses: To cover costs for supplies.

Class 024 Maintenance other than Building-Grounds: To cover maintenance and repairs of field equipment and other instrumentation.

Class 030 Equipment: To cover costs for new field equipment.

Class 041 Audit Fund Set Aside: To cover the cost of Audit Set-Aside charges related to the federal program.

Class 102 Contract for Program Services: To cover costs of contracts for site preparation and concrete pad installation.

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

We respectfully request your approval of this item.


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**NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
 AIR MONITORING FEDERAL
 FISCAL SITUATION FY23
 03-44-44-443010-70610000**

Total Federal Awards	\$149,000
Less Expenditures thru 06/30/2022	<u>\$0</u>
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$149,000
Less Current FY23 Budget Authorization	<u>\$0</u>
Total Available for Budgeting	\$149,000
REQUESTED ACTION	<u>\$149,000</u>
Available to Budget at a later date	\$0

Grant Award Number	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Expenses to 06/30/2022</u>	<u>Balance</u>
0P00A01010	<u>\$149,000</u>	\$0	\$149,000
TOTAL	<u>\$149,000</u>	\$0	<u>\$149,000</u>

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Cooperative Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A01010 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: 0P	DATE OF AWARD 07/06/2022
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 07/11/2022
		PAYMENT METHOD:	ACH#: 10108
RECIPIENT TYPE: State		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT: New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 EIN: 02-6000818		PAYEE: New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
PROJECT MANAGER Rebecca Ohler PO Box 95 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095 Email: rebecca.ohler@des.nh.gov Phone: 603-271-8749	EPA PROJECT OFFICER Kwabena Kyel-Aboagye 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, 6-W1 Boston, MA 02109 Email: Kyel-Aboagye.Kwabena@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1609	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Trevor Tavano Grants Management Branch, 05-5 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109 Email: Tavano.Trevor@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1235	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION NHDES Enhanced Community Monitoring of PM2.5 and Other NAAQS Air Pollutants See Attachment 1 for project description.			
BUDGET PERIOD 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2024	PROJECT PERIOD 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2024	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$149,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$149,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 05/13/2022 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$149,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$149,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division			DATE 07/06/2022