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October 23, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

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, the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$3,304,046 from the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery Columbarium Expansion. Effective upon Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted in the following accounts:

02-12-12-121010-36370000 Dept. of Military Affairs and Veterans Services-VC Expansion

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>FY2024 Appropriation</u> | <u>Requested Change</u> | <u>FY2024 Adjusted Budget</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 034-500161 | Capital Projects | <u>\$2,902,598.76</u> | <u>\$3,304,046.00</u> | <u>\$6,206,644.76</u> |
| | Totals: | <u>\$2,902,598.76</u> | <u>\$3,304,046.00</u> | <u>\$6,206,644.76</u> |
| Source of Funds | | | | |
| 000-400338 | Federal Fund | <u>(\$2,902,598.76)</u> | <u>(\$3,304,046.00)</u> | <u>(\$6,206,644.76)</u> |

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EXPLANATION

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services requests authorization to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$3,304,046 for the purpose of Columbarium Expansion in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. Funding is awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This project will consist of at least 2,800 niches to cover 10 years of demand for niche burials. Niches will be in granite columbarium structures consisting of 120 niches on each side (5 rows, 24 columns). Each columbarium structure is approximately 29-feet long, 4-feet wide, and 8-feet tall. Construction will include necessary roads, pavement, courtyards, landscaping, irrigation, and support infrastructure.

Class 034 - Capital Projects funds will be used to cover all design and construction fees for the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery Columbarium Expansion.

Your favorable action on this request would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


David J. Mikolaitis
Major General, NH National Guard
The Adjutant General

FISCAL SITUATION 02-12-12-121010-36370000

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| FFY 2024 Award to SFY 2024 Budget Appropriation | \$6,208,046.00 |
| Less: DPW Fees | \$1,401.24 |
| Less: SFY 2024 Budget Appropriation (Brought Forward) | <u>\$2,902,598.76</u> |
| Total Available Funds (Org. 36370000) | <u>\$3,304,046.00</u> |
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| This Request | \$3,304,046.00 |



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Shawn P. Buck
Director

October 23, 2023

Mr. James Earp, Director
Veterans Cemetery Grants Program
Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Mr. Earp,

We are very pleased to receive, and accept, your October 20, 2023 letter informing us that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA) plans to award a grant to expand the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH (Federal Application Identifier NH-21-07). Per our application, we estimate the grant to be valued at \$6,208,046.

We understand that Mr. Steven Rogers will work with us as the NCA Lead Project Manager. If either you or Mr. Rogers have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or the Cemetery Director, Shawn Buck at 603-796-2026 x100 or sbuck@nhsvc.com.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION
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October 20, 2023

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Dear MG Mikolaities,

I am pleased to inform you that based on the FY2024 Priority List of States and Tribal Government Construction Grant Pre-Applications and the President's FY 2024 Budget Request for the VCGP program, I am extending a Grant Opportunity to New Hampshire Division of Military Affairs and Veterans Services for expansion of the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, located at Boscawen, NH, FAI# NH-21-07. Based on the estimate you provided and our initial review the planned grant opportunity amount that the New Hampshire Division of Military Affairs and Veterans Services would receive for the project is up to \$6,208,046. This amount, however, could be reduced as we work with you on creating the final application for approval and grant award prior to the end of FY 2024.

By **October 25, 2023**, please send me a letter tentatively accepting or declining this FY 2024 grant opportunity. I will need your final acceptance or declination no later than **January 21, 2024**.

This notification is not a grant award. The National Cemetery Administration will award a grant once New Hampshire Division of Military Affairs and Veterans Services meets all requirements found in 38 CFR Part 39 including determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974.

Although it is subject to change, please see the most current attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that we intend to use to formalize the obligation of grant funds for FY2024 projects. Please contact **Steven Rogers**, Project Manager-Landscape Architect at 202-330-2793 or steven.rogers3@va.gov with any questions.

The VA's FY2024 budget has not yet been enacted by Congress and obligation of the grant for the project is subject to availability of funds.

Sincerely,

James Earp, Director
Veterans Cemetery Grants Program