



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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December 5, 2023

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services to award an Asset Management grant to North Walpole Village District, North Walpole, NH (Vendor Code #155678-B001) totaling \$70,000 to improve public water system management, effective upon Governor and Council approval through November 1, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the following account:

03-44-44-440010-2476-072-500574
Dept Environmental Services, ARPA DES Loans, Grants Federal
Activity Code: 00FRF602WB4401A

FY 2024
\$70,000

EXPLANATION

During the fall of 2021, NHDES went out for solicitation of interest to community water systems serving a population greater than 150 people. Forty-five (45) proposals were received, evaluated, and ranked based on criteria included in the request for proposals, such as, project completes condition assessment on all assets, a financial plan is developed and addresses investment priorities and true cost of service, and the plan is communicated to customers and decisionmakers. Out of the 45 project proposals, 31 were selected to be funded under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. See attachment A for the proposal rankings and list of reviewers.

The North Walpole Village District will use the funds to develop and implement an asset management program for their respective drinking water system. Asset management has become the foundation for sustainable water systems as it provides a holistic picture for how to conduct their business in a more effective and efficient method.

Among many of the tasks proposed to be conducted with this grant, the North Walpole Village District will be developing a complete inventory of their water system assets. A criticality assessment based on the findings of the inventory will inform a risk assessment. Along with the inventory, the North Walpole Village District will be conducting a cost-of-service analysis in which a review of current rates will be performed to determine if they reflect a true cost of service.

ARPA of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergencies, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. This is an allowable use of ARP FRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

In the event grant funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program. This grant agreement has been approved by the Attorney General's Office as to form, substance, and execution.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

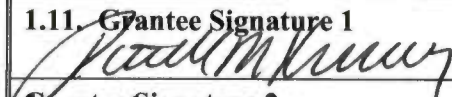

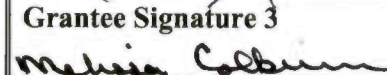




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GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby
Mutually agree as follows:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name NH Department of Environmental Services		1.2. State Agency Address 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302	
1.3. Grantee Name North Walpole Village District		1.4. Grantee Address 70 Church St., North Walpole, NH 03609	
1.5 Grantee Phone # 603-381-2385	1.6. Account Number 03-44-44-440010-2476-072	1.7. Completion Date November 1, 2025	1.8. Grant Limitation \$ 70,000
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Kaitlin Curtis		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-2472	
If Grantee is a municipality or village district: "By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Grantee Signature 1 		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor 1 Robert R. Scott, BOARDS Chair	
Grantee Signature 2 		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 2 Katherine Kopy, Commissioner	
Grantee Signature 3 		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 3 Melissa Colburn, Commissioner	
1.13 State Agency Signature(s) 		1.14. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Robert R. Scott, Commissioner NH Department of Environmental Services	
1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required) By:  Assistant Attorney General, On: 12/7/2023			
1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: / /			

2. SCOPE OF WORK: In exchange for grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, acting through the Agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT B (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project").

3. AREA COVERED. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.
4. EFFECTIVE DATE: COMPLETION OF PROJECT.
- 4.1. This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.16), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("the Effective Date").
- 4.2. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").
5. GRANT AMOUNT: LIMITATION ON AMOUNT: VOUCHERS: PAYMENT.
- 5.1. The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C, attached hereto.
- 5.2. The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT C.
- 5.3. In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.
- 5.4. The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete payment to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.
- 5.5. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.
6. COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits and RSA 31-95-b.
7. RECORDS and ACCOUNTS.
- 7.1. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency, the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.
- 7.2. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency pursuant to subparagraph 7.1, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Grantee" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these provisions
8. PERSONNEL.
- 8.1. The Grantee shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.
- 8.2. The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed. The Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.
9. DATA; RETENTION OF DATA; ACCESS.
- 9.1. As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations,
- computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.
- 9.2. Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.
- 9.3. No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.
- 9.4. On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.5. The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.
10. CONDITIONAL NATURE OR AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.
11. EVENT OF DEFAULT: REMEDIES.
- 11.1. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):
- 11.1.1 Failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or
- 11.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; or
- 11.1.3 Failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or
- 11.1.4 Failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.
- 11.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:
- 11.2.1 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and
- 11.2.2 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the Grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and
- 11.2.3 Set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and
- 11.2.4 Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.
12. TERMINATION.
- 12.1. In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.
- 12.2. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.
- 12.3. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or, except where notice default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- 12.4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. No officer, member of employee of the Grantee, and no representative, officer or employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or

- approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.
14. GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Grantee, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.
 15. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS. The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit B without the prior written consent of the State.
 16. INDEMNIFICATION. The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee or subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.
 17. INSURANCE.
 - 17.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:
 - 17.1.1 Statutory workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and
 - 17.1.2 General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and
 - 17.2 The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Grantee shall furnish to the State, certificates of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy.
 18. WAIVER OF BREACH. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure of waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.
 19. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.
 20. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire, if required or by the signing State Agency.
 21. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.
 22. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.
 23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.
 24. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. The additional or modifying provisions set forth in Exhibit A hereto are incorporated as part of this agreement.

EXHIBIT A **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

I. NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

This Agreement is funded under a grant to the State of New Hampshire (State) and subsequently through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) as approved by the Governor and Executive Council from the federal government through the Department of Treasury (Treasury) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), with the source of funds being the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) identified under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number #21.027. The Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) for this award is SLFRP0145. This grant award is a subaward of SLFRF funds and any and all compliance requirements, as updated by Treasury, for use of SLFRF funds are applicable to the Subrecipient, without further notice. Treasury requirements are published and updated at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY and TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA). The Subrecipient shall comply with the terms of the FFATA by providing NHDES with their Unique Entity Identifier (Unique Entity ID), and all applicable Executive Compensation Data information as required under the FFATA. A Unique Entity ID may be obtained by visiting <https://www.sam.gov>.

SAM REGISTRATION: The Subrecipient must have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>).

GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES: The Subrecipient, if a governmental entity, shall maintain project accounts in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), including standards relating to the reporting of infrastructure assets as issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The full text of Governmental Accounting Reporting Standards is available through the GASB website at: <http://www.gasb.org>

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS: The Subrecipient must maintain records and financial documents for five years after all funds have been expended or returned to the State and/or Treasury. Treasury may request transfer of records of long-term value at the end of such period. Wherever practicable, such records should be collected, transmitted, and stored in open and machine-readable formats.

Subrecipient must agree to provide or make available such records to the State and Treasury upon request, and to the Government Accountability Office ("GAO"), Treasury's Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), and their authorized representative in order to conduct audits or other investigations.

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SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS: Recipients and subrecipients that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal awards during their fiscal year will be subject to an audit under the Single Audit Act and its implementing regulation at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F regarding audit requirements. Recipients and subrecipients may also refer to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplements for audits of federal funds and related guidance and the Federal Audit Clearinghouse to see examples and single audit submissions.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE: The sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply, and shall include in every contract or agreement funded with these funds this same requirement to comply, with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract (or agreement). Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract or agreement.

In order to carry out its enforcement responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, NHDES may collect and review information from subrecipients to ascertain their compliance with the applicable requirements before and after providing financial assistance. Treasury's implementing regulations, 31 CFR part 22, and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, Coordination of Non-discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, 28 CFR part 42, provide for the collection of data and information from recipients and subrecipients (see 28 CFR 42.406).

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: All funds are subject to statutory requirements that they must be used for costs incurred by the recipient during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2024, and that award funds for the financial obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 must be expended by December 31, 2026.

PROCUREMENT, SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT: Recipients are responsible for ensuring that any procurement using SLFRF funds, or payments under procurement contracts using such funds are consistent with the procurement standards set forth in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327, as applicable. The Uniform Guidance establishes in 2 CFR 200.319 that all procurement transactions for property or services must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition, consistent with standards outlined in 2 CFR 200.320, which allows for non-competitive procurements only in circumstances where at least one of the conditions below is true: the item is below the micro-purchase threshold; the item is only available from a single source; the public exigency or

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emergency will not permit a delay from publicizing a competitive solicitation; or after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate. Subrecipients must have and use documented procurement procedures that are consistent with the standards outlined in 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.320.

Subrecipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 1532. subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," and 2 C.F.R. § 1532.220, includes a term or condition requiring compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C. subrecipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term and condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. subrecipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 C.F.R. § 180.335 to NHDES may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment. Subrecipients may access the System for Award Management (SAM) exclusion list at <https://sam.gov/SAM/> to determine whether an entity or individual is presently excluded or disqualified.

By entering into this agreement, the subrecipient certifies that the subrecipient is not debarred or suspended. Furthermore, the subrecipient certifies that no part of this contract will be subcontracted to a debarred or suspended person or firm.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, to the greatest extent practicable, there is a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

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PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT:

As required by 2 CFR 200.216, subrecipients, are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). Recipients, Subrecipients, and borrowers also may not use federal funds to purchase:

- a. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- b. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- c. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Consistent with 2 CFR 200.471, costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment such as phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers are allowable except for the following circumstances:

- a. Obligating or expending funds for covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment or services as described in 2 CFR 200.216 to:
 - (1) Procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain;
 - (2) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or
 - (3) Obtain the equipment, services, or systems. Certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889, are recorded in the System for Award Management exclusion list which can be found at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: For all projects listed under the Water and Sewer Expenditure

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Categories (see Table below), detailed project-level information is required.

5: Infrastructure	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
5.4	Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater
5.7	Clean Water: Energy Conservation
5.8	Clean Water: Water Conservation
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
5.13	Drinking water: Source
5.14	Drinking water: Storage
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure

Definitions for water and sewer Expenditure Categories can be found in the EPA's handbooks. For "clean water" expenditure category definitions, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/cwdefinitions.pdf>. For "drinking water" expenditure category definitions, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-national-information-management-system-reports>.

All Clean Water and Drinking Water infrastructure projects:

- Projected/actual construction start date (month/year)
- Projected/actual initiation of operations date (month/year)
- Location (for broadband, geospatial location data)

For water and sewer projects:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund)
- Public Water System (PWS) ID number (if applicable; for projects aligned with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund)

II. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OVER \$10M

For projects over \$10 million (based on expected total cost) a recipient shall provide a certification that, for the relevant project, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40,

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United States Code (commonly known as the "Davis-Bacon Act"), for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State (or the District of Columbia) in which the work is to be performed. All contracts and subcontracts for the construction of treatment works shall insert in full in any contract the standard Davis-Bacon contract clause as specified by 29 CFR §5.5(a).

OTHER SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- A. In addition to the above special provisions, the following provisions as required by federal regulations apply to this Agreement:
1. **Financial management.** The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR part 200 Subpart D and the specific standards regarding financial reporting, accounting records, internal control, budget control, allowable cost, source documentation, and cash management outlined therein.
 2. **Allowable costs.** All costs charged to this Agreement shall be eligible, necessary, and reasonable for performing the tasks outlined in the approved project scope of services. The costs, including match, shall be incurred during the period of performance of the project, and shall be allowable, meaning that the costs must conform to specific federal requirements detailed in 2 CFR part 200 Subpart E.
 3. **Property Management.** The Contractor shall comply with the property management and procedures detailed in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D.
 4. **Restrictions on Lobbying.** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 15 CFR part 28 and 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E which prohibit the use of federal Contract funds to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee, and requires the submission of Standard Form LLL ("Disclosure of Lobbying Activities") if *nonfederal* funds have been used to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee.
 5. **Drug-Free Workplace.** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR part 1329 which require that as a condition of the Agreement, certification that they maintain a drug-free workplace. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor certifies that he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity associated with the Agreement.
 6. **Protection for Whistleblowers.** The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 41 U.S.C. §471 regarding Whistleblower protections. As described in 41 USC §471 "an employee of a contractor,

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subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.”

EXHIBIT B
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The North Walpole Village District will use these funds for asset management and financial planning initiatives for their water system. Specifically, the following task(s), as described in the application submitted to NHDES, will be accomplished:

Task 1 – Kick off Meeting, with Owner, Engineer and NHDES representative.

Deliverables: Meeting Minutes, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 2 – GIS Integration & Field Equipment Purchases

2.1 Engage a Subconsultant to work on integration of the OWNER's water system GIS including:

- Establish an account with Diamond Maps Cloud Based GIS System
- Customize existing GIS layers & attributes
- Import existing GIS data (shapefiles and geodatabase) and customize
- Organize and edit existing data. Review with OWNER personnel
- Work with the OWNER to update and integrate GIS
- Provide training to OWNER personnel on GIS system operation

2.2 Purchase field equipment including one (1) tablet and one (1) Bluetooth-enabled OPS for enhanced GPS accuracy.

Deliverables: Screen shots of GIS layers and receipts for purchase, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 3 - Conduct an on-site Level-of-Service (LOS) workshop identifying the scope items the owner is performing and the scope items that the engineer is performing during the project.

3.1 The LOS workshop will develop specific goals for the water system, including development of a mission and vision statement.

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Deliverables: Meeting minutes, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 4 - Water System Facilities Condition & Criticality Assessment

4.1 Develop asset management-based forms for water system facility inspections and conduct a walkthrough of the above-grade facilities.

4.2 Conduct an asset inventory of all above grade facilities, including water storage tanks, pump stations, water treatment facilities and major equipment components. Inventory shall be based on grouped assets and not individual assets (i.e. based on a pump station's chemical feed system and not an assessment of each chemical feed pump). An assessment of the core process and electrical systems at the existing water treatment plant has been performed by the ENGINEER as part of the ongoing 1,4-dioxane Treatment Improvements project. The results of that project effort will be incorporated into the facilities evaluation to minimize the effort incurred to assess and provide criticality rankings for the treatment plant assets.

4.3 Develop a spreadsheet-based existing condition analysis on the above grade assets to determine the age, typical life span and remaining useful life of each asset.

4.4 Develop a spreadsheet-based criticality and risk analysis on the above grade assets to comment on the redundancy and consequence of failure of each asset. The criticality will be influenced by the LOS statement developed by the owner.

Deliverables: Criticality assessment and risk analysis spreadsheet, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 5 – Water System Hydraulic Model

5.1 Utilizing the GIS water system mapping created as part of the PROJECT, create a functioning hydraulic model of the water system including:

- Review of available demand data and reports. Obtain operating parameters such as pump curve information and tank operation levels where not already known. Ensure connectivity of water main segments in GIS to ensure functioning hydraulic model creation.
- Gather information needed to perform an extended period simulation (EPS) in the model including diurnal flow patterns that indicate when flow/demand is at its highest, and operational conditions that govern when pumps and valves are activated.
- To verify system C-values (pipe roughness coefficients) within the distribution system, conduct one day of flow testing with assistance from the OWNER. Data to be recorded during the tests include flow rate and pressure. In addition, the volume of water supplied by the water sources during the flow tests, the flow rate of high service area pumps and

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water levels in the storage tank will be noted. Submit a map showing the location of the flow tests to the OWNER before the tests are scheduled.

- Using the data obtained above, re-calibrate the model by simulating closed or partially closed valves and adjusting C-values where appropriate. If it is suspected that flows may be deficient due to closed or partially closed valves, we will provide this information to the owner for field checking. The model will be calibrated until results obtained from the computer analysis are within 90 to 95 percent of the data obtained from the field flow tests.

Deliverables: Hydraulic model, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 6 – Pipeline database & horizontal asset inventory

6.1 Develop a pipeline asset database containing detailed information about the existing distribution system utilizing the hydraulic model created as part of this project. Database features will include all known information, including pipe identification numbers, pipe size, year of installation, material, available fire flow, road type in which pipe is located, potential for corrosion due to soil type, criticality of the pipe within the distribution system, and break history. The database will combine the elements above into a common ranking system to assess the overall condition and provide ranking criteria for each pipe segment.

6.2 Assess each asset identified in scope Item 2.5.1 to determine the criticality to the overall water system and if redundant units are in place. The criticality assessment will be used to rank the prioritization of all assets. The results will be compiled in a spreadsheet-based report.

Deliverables: Pipeline database, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 7 - Identify System Improvements and Develop Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

7.1 Prepare a capital improvement plan for system improvements and a phased implementation schedule. Prioritize the system recommendations identified into short-term and long-term recommendations for the planning period. The plan will give consideration to distribution needs; water storage tank needs, supply and treatment needs, water quality, prioritization of improvements and the financial capabilities of the OWNER's water enterprises. The criticality of assets as determined in the horizontal and vertical asset inventories will factor into the ranking for proposed improvements and short-term CIP recommendations. Cost estimates for all recommended improvements will be provided including engineering and construction costs.

Deliverables: System recommendations, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 8 - Expense and Revenue Assessment

8.1 Provide a general expense and revenue assessment of the last three fiscal years, including an assessment of the current rate structure funding the system. The assessment will examine the

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OWNER's ability to fund capital improvements, as well as determine the future capacity to fund improvements identified in the scope item above. The ENGINEER will offer guidance regarding a rate structure increase to fund an asset management approach to maintaining the system as well as a description of available grants and loans available to the water system.

8.2 The engineer will provide a review of the owner's existing rate structure to determine if current rates are satisfactory to fund the replacement of assets. If the current structure is insufficient, the ENGINEER will provide a recommendation for adjusting the rates while accounting for the funding strategy described above.

Deliverables: Recommendation for rate structure, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 9 – Prepare draft report

8.1 Provide a report with all evaluations, findings, and recommendations and present it to the owner. The report will include the following:

- A summary of the existing water system
- GIS & Hydraulic model creation results
- Condition & criticality assessments of the horizontal and vertical system assets
- Recommended water system improvements/phased CIP
- Results of the expense and revenue assessment
- Results of the water rate analysis
- Engineering and construction cost estimates for each recommendation
- Funding alternatives for water system improvements

Deliverables: Draft report, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 10 – Finalized Report

10.1 Incorporate comments received from the OWNER on the draft report and create a final copy of the report. Submit five copies of a final report at least 15 days in advance of a formal presentation to the OWNER. Four copies will be in hardcopy and one copy in electronic form.

Deliverables: Final report, submitted to NHDES in electronic format.

Task 11 – Public outreach & education

11.1 Develop an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap (or similar) to display activities completed under this initiative.

11.2 2.10.2 Assist the OWNER with completing the New Hampshire Asset Management Database (NHAmD) for the efforts completed under this scope of services.

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11.3 Prepare for and attend one public meeting (Board of Commissioners, Public information Session, or otherwise as determined by the OWNER) to present the findings of the Asset Management efforts as described above.

Deliverable: Storymap, submitted to NHDES electronically.

Invitation for DES participation in meetings and workshops is a requirement. Quarterly progress report forms must be completed by grant recipients or their subcontractor and submitted to NHDES every three months, beginning with the first full 3 month quarter after grant approval from the Governor and Council.

EXHIBIT C
BUDGET & PAYMENT METHOD

All services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Services before payment is made. This is a reimbursement grant which means that all payments shall be made upon 100% completion of identified tasks per Exhibit B, received and approval of stated deliverables and upon receipt of associated documentations such as invoices, receipts, etc. **Grant award is a 100% grant for up to \$70,000. If invoice is less than initial estimate only the amount on the invoice will be paid.**

Task Number/Description	Asset Management Grant
Task 1: Kick off meeting	\$6,670
Task 2: GIS Integration & Field Equipment Purchases	\$5,800
Task 3: Level of Service	\$6,393
Task 4: Water system facilities condition and criticality assessment	\$10,257
Task 5: Water system hydraulic model	\$6,381
Task 6: Pipeline database & horizontal asset inventory	\$7,041
Task 7: Identify system improvements & develop CIP	\$3,481
Task 8: Expense and Revenue Assessment	\$2,648
Task 9: Prepare draft report	\$9,343

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Task 10: Finalized Report	\$4,243
Task 11: Public outreach and education	\$7,743
TOTAL	\$70,00

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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE OF AUTHORIZATION GRANTS ONLY



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

A Certificate of Vote of Authorization (COV) is a certificate that states that a grantee is willing to enter into a grant agreement with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and that whoever signs the Grant Agreement (provided under separate cover) has the authority to do so. Do not complete this form until you have received a Grant Agreement from NHDES. Follow the steps below:

- 1. Following a funding offer from NHDES, obtain the authority to accept grant funds and assign an Authorized Representative (AR) from the grantees governing body. This will likely require a vote at a meeting of the governing body. A vote may take place any time prior to execution of the Grant Agreement.
2. Once the Grant Agreement has been received from NHDES, someone other than the AR (who can certify actions taken at the referenced meeting) completes and signs the COV. The AR cannot sign the COV. The COV must be signed and notarized on the same date as, or within 30 days of, when the AR signs the Grant Agreement. The 30-day window applies to either side of the execution date.
3. The AR signs the Grant Agreement and initials and dates the bottom of each page including the Exhibits.
4. Mail original COV and Grant Agreement documents to program contact at NHDES.

Certificate of Vote of Authorization NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT 70 Church Street, North Walpole, NH 03609

I, Rebecca Neily, of the North Walpole Village District do hereby certify that at a meeting held on October 3rd, 2023, the North Walpole Board of Commissioners voted to enter into a Drinking Water Sustainability Grant grant agreement with the New Hampshire Department Environmental Services to fund a Wastewater & Drinking Water improvement project.

The North Walpole Board of Commissioners further authorized the Patrick Kiniry to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this grant agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Village Clerk of The North Walpole Village District the 16 day of October 2023.

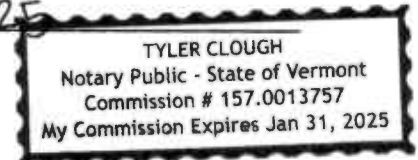
Rebecca Neily Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

On this 16 day of OCTOBER 20 23, TYLER CLOUGH, before me (Notary Public) the undersigned Officer, personally appeared. REBECCA NEILY, who acknowledged HERSELF to be the VILLAGE CLERK of North Walpole Village District, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public [Handwritten Signature] My commission expires: 1/31/25

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CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex³ is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³ Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex³. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

<i>Participating Member:</i> North Walpole Village District PO Box 266 Bellows Falls, VT 05101		<i>Member Number:</i> 439	<i>Company Affording Coverage:</i> NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex ³ Bow Brook Place 46 Donovan Street Concord, NH 03301-2624		
X	Type of Coverage	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
	General Liability (Occurrence Form) Professional Liability (describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
				General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
				Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
				Med Exp (Any one person)	
X	Automobile Liability Deductible Comp and Coll: \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Any auto	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	\$2,000,000
				Aggregate	\$10,000,000
X	Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	X Statutory	
				Each Accident	\$2,000,000
				Disease – Each Employee	\$2,000,000
				Disease – Policy Limit	
X	Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	Deductible: \$1,000
Description: Proof of Primex Member coverage only. Pollution and hazardous waste related liabilities, expenses and claims are excluded from coverage in the coverage document.					

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:	Additional Covered Party	Loss Payee	Primex³ – NH Public Risk Management Exchange
State of NH Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095			By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
			Date: 8/7/2023 mpurcell@nhprimex.org Please direct inquires to: Primex³ Claims/Coverage Services 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax

Attachment A
2022-2024 Grant Round – Asset Management Grant Program

Applications and Rankings

PWS ID	APPLICANTS	AMOUNT AWARDED/ REQUESTED	RANKING SCORE
0911020	Grasmere Village Water Precinct	\$50,000	85
0921010	Town of Gorham	\$71,600	85
1141010	Hillsborough Water and Sewer	\$75,000	85
1581010	Town of Milton	\$91,000	85
1661010	New Castle Water and Sewer	\$62,800	85
1861010	Pembroke Water Works	\$63,200	85
1191010	Contoocook Village Precinct	\$100,000	80
1561010	Town of Milford	\$100,000	80
1151010	Hinsdale Water Dept.	\$100,000	79
1061010	Hancock Water Works	\$70,000	77
1793020	Loon Estates	\$40,000	75
2011010	Rollinsford Water and Sewer	\$100,000	75
2571020	Woodstock Water Department	\$75,000	75
1931010	Town of Plaistow	\$100,000	75
0511030	North Conway Water Precinct	\$100,000	72
1101040	Woodsville Water and Light	\$65,000	72
1722020	Slope N Shore	\$70,000	72
1844010	Carroll County Complex	\$60,000	72
2041010	Rye Water District	\$100,000	70
0161020	Lower Bartlett Water Precinct	\$100,000	69
1291010	Town of Lancaster	\$80,000	69
0951010	Village District of Eastman	\$80,000	68
1941010	Plymouth Village Water Works	\$100,000	68
2351010	Tilton and Northfield Water District	\$100,000	67
2561010	Town of Wolfeboro	\$100,000	67
0882150	Lake Shore Park	\$57,000	65
1141020	Emerald Lake Village District	\$100,000	64
2001010	City of Rochester	\$100,000	64
1031010	Hampstead Water	\$100,000	60
2401020	North Walpole Village District	\$100,000	60
1201010	Town of Hudson	\$100,000	55
..... PROJECTS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING LISTED ABOVE THIS LINE			
1521010	Town of Meredith	\$100,000	47
1871010	Town of Peterborough	\$40,000	45
1281010	City of Laconia	\$45,000	43
2111010	Town of Seabrook	\$100,000	42

0061010	Alton Water Works	\$56,400	40
2051010	Town of Salem	\$100,000	32
1471010	City of Manchester	\$100,000	28
1531010	Merrimack Village District	\$100,000	26
1321010	City of Lebanon	\$100,000	17
0461010	City of Claremont	\$100,000	14
0881020	Gunstock Acres Village	\$39,900	10
0801010	Town of Exeter	\$100,000	8
1621010	Pennichuck Water	\$100,000	8
	Town of Londonderry	\$75,000	Not Eligible

Grant Reviewer List

Name	Department	Bureau	Title	Years Experience
Richard Skarinka	NHDES	Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	Sanitary Engineer III	Sixteen years managing the grant program
Johnna McKenna	NHDES	Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	Sustainability and Finance	Nine years managing the grants/loans program
Randall Suozzo	NHDES	Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	Sanitary Engineer	Six years with NHDES
Luis Adorno	NHDES	Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	Administrator II	Eight years managing the grant program
KC Moran	NHDES	Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau	Environmentalist III	Seven months with NHDES

