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The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

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November 29, 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 (NHDES) to award a grant to the Cogswell Spring Water Works, Henniker, NH (VC#177404 B003) in the amount not to exceed \$6,234 for wastewater and drinking water utility cybersecurity improvements, effective upon Governor & Council approval through July 1, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the following account:

03-44-44-440010-2476-072-500574	<u>FY 2024</u>
Dept. Environmental Services, ARPA DES Loans, Grants Federal	\$6,234
Activity Code #: 00FRF602WB4401D	

**EXPLANATION**

The Cybersecurity Implementation Grant Program is a new program utilizing \$2,000,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to support cybersecurity improvements to New Hampshire drinking water and wastewater systems. Specifically, grant money is available to develop and implement programs to proactively mitigate the risk of cybersecurity attacks on drinking water and/or wastewater systems. The grant is open to community public water systems serving a minimum of 500 people and municipal wastewater systems. Up to \$50,000 of grant funding is available per drinking water or wastewater system with a maximum of \$100,000 for both. Grant funding is available on a first come, first served basis.

Cogswell Spring Water Works will use the ARPA Cybersecurity grant funding to implement the cybersecurity improvements identified in the Water Works' cybersecurity assessment. This includes installation/upgrades of hardware and/or software configuration changes. This grant, while less than the \$10,000 threshold, requires G&C approval as the entity has received funds above the threshold this fiscal year.

The American Rescue Plan Act (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

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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 accordance with the final rule from the US Treasury Department for water and wastewater infrastructure investments, project eligibility is aligned with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). This project is an eligible CWSRF and DWSRF infrastructure project.

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

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

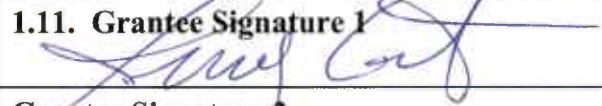
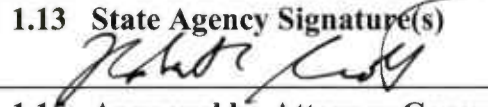



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GRANT AGREEMENT

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

1. Identification and Definitions.

<b>1.1. State Agency Name</b> Department of Environmental Services		<b>1.2. State Agency Address</b> 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
<b>1.3. Grantee Name</b> Cogswell Spring Water Works		<b>1.4. Grantee Address</b> 146 Davison Rd, Henniker, NH 03424	
<b>1.5 Grantee Phone #</b> 603-428-3237	<b>1.6. Account Number</b> 03-44-44-440010-2476-072	<b>1.7. Completion Date</b> 7/1/2024	<b>1.8. Grant Limitation</b> \$ 6,234
<b>1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency</b> Brenda Leonard		<b>1.10. State Agency Telephone Number</b> 603-271-0867	
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."			
<b>1.11. Grantee Signature 1</b> 		<b>1.12. Name &amp; Title of Grantee Signor 1</b> Jerry Gilbert, Chairman Board of Commissioners	
<b>Grantee Signature 2</b>		<b>Name &amp; Title of Grantee Signor 2</b>	
<b>Grantee Signature 3</b>		<b>Name &amp; Title of Grantee Signor 3</b>	
<b>1.13 State Agency Signature(s)</b> 		<b>1.14. Name &amp; Title of State Agency Signor(s)</b> Robert R. Scott, Commissioner Department of Environmental Services	
<b>1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G &amp; C approval required)</b>			
By: 		Assistant Attorney General, On: 7/18/2023	
<b>1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable)</b>			
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").

- 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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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.

**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

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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, 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).

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*[Signature]*  
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competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.”

**EXHIBIT B**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Cogswell Spring Water Works will use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Cybersecurity grant funding to implement the following cybersecurity improvements identified in the July 26, 2022, cybersecurity assessment titled “Cyber Resilience Review Report.” Potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities were found in the assessment that should be corrected to mitigate the impacts of a cyberattack. The cybersecurity improvements will take place at the Cogswell Spring Water Works drinking water system.

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Installation/upgrade of hardware, software and/or configuration changes	\$6,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,234</b>

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Date

Handwritten signature and date: 11/21/23



**Cogswell Spring  
Water Works**

146 Davison Road,  
New Hampshire 03242

**Town Of Henniker  
Water Department**

Phone 603-428-3237, Fax 603-428-3237  
Email [cogswellspring@henniker.org](mailto:cogswellspring@henniker.org)

**Certificate of Vote of Authorization**

COGSWELL SPRING WATER WORKS  
Henniker, NH 03242

I, William Hall hereby certify that at a meeting held on 11/21/23, the Cogswell Spring Water Works Board of Commissioners voted to enter into a American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA) grant agreement with the New Hampshire Department Environmental Services to fund a cybersecurity implementation improvement project.

The Cogswell Spring Water Works further authorized the Jerry Gilbert, Chairman to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this grant agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as William Hall of Cogswell Spring Water Works, the 21 day of November 2023.

William Hall Signature: William R. Hall

On this 21 day of November 2023, James Donison, before me (Notary Public) the undersigned Officer, personally appeared. William Hall, who acknowledged himself to be William Hall of Cogswell Spring Water Works, 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 James Donison My commission expires: 9/29/2026





## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex<sup>3</sup>) 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, Primex<sup>3</sup> is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex<sup>3</sup> is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex<sup>3</sup> 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 Primex<sup>3</sup>, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex<sup>3</sup> 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 Primex<sup>3</sup>. 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>	<i>Member Number:</i>	<i>Company Affording Coverage:</i>
Town of Henniker 18 Depot Hill Road Henniker, NH 03242	198	NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex <sup>3</sup> PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716

Type of Coverage		Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Liability (Occurrence Form)</b>	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
	<b>Professional Liability (describe)</b>			General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence			Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
				Med Exp (Any one person)	
	<b>Automobile Liability</b>			Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	
	Deductible    Comp and Coll: \$1,000			Aggregate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any auto				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Workers' Compensation &amp; Employers' Liability</b>	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory	
		1/1/2024	1/1/2025	Each Accident	\$2,000,000
				Disease – Each Employee	\$2,000,000
				Disease – Policy Limit	
	<b>Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)</b>			Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	

**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	<b>Primex<sup>3</sup> – NH Public Risk Management Exchange</b>
			By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
			Date: 11/27/2023    mpurcell@nhprimex.org
State of NH Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302			Please direct inquires to: <b>Primex<sup>3</sup> Claims/Coverage Services</b> 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax