



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Late Item



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Commissioner*

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

Division of Project Development  
March 27, 2024

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 New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) as matching funds for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to build a section of the rail trail in Warner to link Contoocook Village with downtown Warner effective upon the date of Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. This is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) under Section 602(c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY2024 in the following new accounting unit:

<u>04-096-096-962015- 28XX0000 ARPA Federal Matching Funds</u>		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
040 – Indirect Costs	500800	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
041 – Audit Fund Set Aside	500801	\$0	\$600	\$600
072 – Grants Federal	502683	\$0	\$596,900	\$596,900
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>				
000 – Federal Funds	400338	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> All direct program costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9601A and all administrative and indirect costs will be accounted for using activity 00FRF602PH9601Z. Accounting classifications may be subject to technical changes at the discretion of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Accounting Services.

## EXPLANATION

This request for \$600,000 in ARPA SFRF would be utilized for matching funds for a \$3,000,000 federally funded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) rail trail project in Warner to link Contoocook Village with downtown Warner.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 040 - Indirect Costs to recover, per by RSA 21-I:75, a proportional share of the outside funding source to alleviate agency indirect costs.

Class 041 - Audit Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies that receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 072 - Grants Federal to provide grantee, the town of Warner, with the matching funds for their CMAQ project.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

- 1) List of personnel involved: None
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration: ARPA federal matching funds for the town of Warner CMAQ rail trail project
- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs: None
- 4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No
- 5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? It was not known at the time that DOT would be applying for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? No
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): None.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



William J. Cass, P.E.  
Commissioner