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DATE: November 22, 2022

TO: All District Three Constituents

FROM: Executive Councilor Janet Stevens

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

I was honored to host the November 22, 2022, Executive Council meeting. The breakfast portion of the meeting highlighted the **Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD)** which serves as the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) resource for New Hampshire residents. **More than 12% of New Hampshire's 1.3 million residents have a disability.**

GCD is the designated agency for the federally funded Client Assistance Program which supports residents eligible for services and benefits of Title 1 of ADA. The agency is responsible for implementing the statute for barrier free designs (buildings) through the Committee on Architectural Barrier-Free Design, access to telephone services through the Telecommunications Equipment Assistance Program (TEAP) for visually impaired residents, and the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is housed at the agency. The agency handles 600 public inquires a year and advises residents on services animals, walking disability permits, accessible parking spaces and Stable NH financial accounts.



I nominated **Donnalee Lozeau, Executive Director of Southern New Hampshire Services** (Rockingham County Community Action Program), for commendation at the meeting. Governor Sununu highlighted Ms. Lozeau's accomplishments which include 8-terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, twice elected Mayor of Nashua, and member of numerous boards and committees. Her exemplary leadership during the COVID pandemic has benefitted the 266,000 residents of District Three and I am grateful for her tireless support for my constituents. "During the COVID pandemic SNHS along with the other four Community Action Agencies in the state stepped up to assist GOFERR and NHHFA with distributing millions of dollars of rental and utility relief to tens of thousands of households in NH. This along with the many other ongoing programs and supports from Child Care and Development to Workforce." Well done!

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

SCHOOL SAFETY

I am pleased to announce that the second round of grants for school safety improvement projects, funded through the School Infrastructure Fund -Security Action for Education (SAFE), were unanimously approved. **The total disbursement of funds to enhance school security in three distinct categories – surveillance, access control and emergency alerting - is \$13,733,522.** More than 340 schools were approved for funding in rounds one and two. There were two competitive grant windows for School Infrastructure funding.

District Three received \$1,591,143 in the recent, second round of funding. Total amount of funding for school safety improvements in District Three is \$2,744,483. The following public and private schools received funding in this most recent round of funding. Download

| Brentwood (\$20,000) | Chester Academy (\$100,000) | Derry Cooperative (\$228,924 – seven schools) |
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| East Kingston (\$3,000) | Epping (\$75,000) | Exeter (\$40,000 – two schools) |
| Exeter Regional Coop (\$25,000) | Fremont (\$8,279) | Hampstead (\$64,000) |
| Hampton (\$75,000) | Hampton Falls (\$18,666) | Heronfield Academy (\$19,100) |
| Kensington (\$10,000) | Learning Skills Academy (\$85,743) | Newfields (\$15,000) |
| Newmarket (\$100,000) | North Hampton (\$27,682) | Pelham (\$8,000 – two schools) |
| Pinkerton (\$25,000) | Sanborn Regional (\$141,000 – three schools) | Seabrook (\$45,000 – two schools) |
| Seacoast Learning Collaborative (\$88,000) | The Birchtree Center (\$37,000) | Timberlane Regional (\$124,159 – 7 schools) |
| Windham (\$115,527 – 4 schools) | Windham Academy (\$40,350) | Winnacunnet Cooperative (\$52,000) |

The initial round of funding was announced at the <u>September 7, 2022</u>, Executive Council meeting. The following District Three schools received funding

| Derry Cooperative: \$93,000 - 7 schools | Hampton Falls: \$15,000 | North Hampton: \$45,200 |
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| South Hampton: \$12,000 | Pelham: \$21,485 | Newmarket: \$39,820 – 2 schools |
| Raymond: \$88,985 | Greenland: \$85,100 | Newington: \$33,000 |
| Rye: \$143,250 – 2 schools | Portsmouth: \$35,300 – 2 schools | Salem: \$517,650 – 7 schools |
| Fremont: \$3,925 | Pinkerton (Derry): \$19,625 | |

GOVERNORS OFFICE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF - \$33.8 MILLION EMERGENCY HOUSING

On October 20, 2022, the State of New Hampshire received notification from the U.S. Treasury **that \$68 million dollars**, **which would have extended Emergency Rental Assistance past December 29, 2022**, would not be apportioned to the state. The Governor's office learned of the U.S. Treasury's decision "without notice or explanation" on the federal government agency's website. The decision to provide 28 other states with Emergency Rental Assistance (2) funding and reject New Hampshire's request – after months of waiting – is unconscionable.

I am pleased to announce that **the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery presented five accept and expend contracts, totaling \$33.8 million dollars, to provide much needed housing support for New Hampshire residents.** Emergency Rental Assistance (1) and (2) will assist residents remain in their homes. American Rescue Plan Act funds – **totaling \$20 million** - will assist residents staying in hotels or motels as part of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, managed by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and the state's Community Action Programs – Southern NH Services for District Three. **All contracts extend to June 30, 2023.**

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

Major Anthony M. Behney, Stratham, NH, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. Major Ryan H. Cunningham, Stratham, NH, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. Major John R. Lockard, Roslindale, MA, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. Captain Piers C. Osborne, Chantilly, VA, to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. Lieutenant Commander Timothy O'Sullivan, Virginia Beach, VA, to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. Captain Ryan M. Sychterz, Hooksett, NH, to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. Major Matthew B. Turk, Portsmouth, NH, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard.

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

K. Authorized to appoint Meghan C. Hagaman, as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$92,000. Effective upon G&C approval or December 2, 2022, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2024. Ms. Hagaman is a Portsmouth resident.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Economic & Housing Stability

Authorized to enter into sole source contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated October 24, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$415,000 for the provision of services to assist with the operation of cold weather solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional years. 100% Federal Funds. Cross Roads House, located in Portsmouth, was awarded \$85,000 to provide cold weather shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. I requested additional funding for Cross Roads House, which is the sole warming shelter for Rockingham County.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#35 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay a tenant \$31,782.84 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list detailed in the letter dated November 2, 2022, for amounts greater than \$5,000, for the period extending from October 1, 2022 through October 25, 2022, for impacts resulting from transportation improvement projects. Effective upon G&C approval. 4A Moving costs for Salvation Army.

#37 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay a property owner, tenants, and/or claimants \$461,750 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list detailed in the letter dated November 22, 2022, for amounts greater than \$5,000, for the period extending from October 26, 2022 through November 7, 2022, for impacts resulting from transportation improvement projects. Effective upon G&C approval. 4A \$390,000 payment to Seven Hills LLC for land acquisitions and \$8300 to private property owner for land/damages.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#53 Authorized expenditures in the amount of \$9,873,605.40 for school security improvement projects with the list of public and nonpublic school as detailed in the letter dated October 24, 2022. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. This is the second round of grant funding from the School Infrastructure Fund – Security Action for Education (SAFE) fund. District Three received \$1,591,143.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

#56 Authorized a renewal option and amend a **sole source** contract with **Axiomatic, LLC, Rye,** NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/5/18, Item #47), to provide continued Municipal and Property support and maintenance by increasing the price limitation by **\$660,280** from \$1,475,448 to \$2,135,728 and extending the completion date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

#57A Authorized the request to place **Mr. Richard Samdperil of Portsmouth** at Step 7 of unclassified salary grade HH, earning \$120,562 annually for the position of Acting Executive Director. Effective upon G&C approval or December 12, 2022, whichever is later. **100% General Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#66 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with **Southern New Hampshire Services**, **Inc.**,(**SNHS**) Manchester, NH, in the amount of **\$34,968** for the Senior Energy Assistance Services (SEAS) Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS). SNHS is the Community Action Program providing services to District Three residents.**

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

- #73 Authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$6,008,503 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) financial assistance funds for use in the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP). Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 18, 2022.
- #74 Authorize to accept and expend Emergency Rental Assistance funds in the amount of \$2,464,202 to support the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP). Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 18, 2022.
- #74A Authorize to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to provide continued assistance to households temporarily staying in hotels or motels as part of the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) to help ensure households at risk of homelessness are stably housed through the cold season. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 18, 2022.
- #74B Authorize to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$3,255,750 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds for use of Housing Stability Services related programming. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 18, 2022.
- #74C Authorize to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$2,089,121 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) financial assistance funds for use in the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP). (2) Further authorize to amend a previously approved Fiscal Item FIS 21-390 (originally approved by G&C on 1/12/22, Item #50), to repurpose authorized funds in that item in the amount of \$166,330 to provide rental and utility assistance in NHERAP. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 18, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

#85 Authorized the Office of the Commissioner to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$24,000 from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the purpose of supporting funding of a coastal resilience and environmental update project contracted by the **Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC).** Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

- #86 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to enter into a **retroactive** and **sole source** contract with Tegra Equipment, Inc. d/b/a/ Bobcat of New Hampshire, Chichester, NH, in the amount of \$7,700, for use of equipment to maintain the **Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail from Derry to Freemont, NH and build a parking lot at Pawtuckaway State Park.** Effective upon G&C approval for the period of September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.
- #94 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award Public Value Partnership (PVP) grants to the Nonprofit Arts Organizations as detailed in the letter dated October 10, 2022, in a total amount of \$48,250, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Prescott Park Arts Festival received \$13,000 and The Music Hall received \$15,000.
- #98 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to enter into Grant-In-Aid Trail Maintenance Agreements with the snowmobile clubs as detailed in the letter dated November 2, 2022, in the total amount of \$2,463,358.62 for grooming of approximately 5,000 miles of snowmobile trails throughout the state. Effective upon G&C approval for the period from December 15, 2022 through May 31, 2023. 100% Other Funds (Transfers from Fish & Game Snowmobile Registration Fees). Snowmobile clubs in Pelham, Derry, Exeter, Newmarket, Newfields and Kingston received a total of \$20,469.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- #106 Authorized to amend the contract with **Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., Portsmouth**, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/5/19, Item #100), by increasing the contract amount by **\$150,000 to \$3,695,000 from \$3,545,000**, to support a recently awarded EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of November 2021 to address the economic, social and environmental challenges caused by brownfields sites through environmental assessment and redevelopment planning. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- #107 Authorized to award state aid grant funds for wastewater facility projects for the four (4) entities as detailed in the letter dated October 31, 2022, in the aggregate amount of \$2,509,531. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% General Funds. Town of Salem received \$151,351.
- #110 Authorized to award a grant **to Derry Cooperative School District, Derry, NH, in the amount not to exceed** \$150,000, to finance the interconnection with a larger public water system to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2022. 100% Federal Funds. See email from Comm. Scott
- #111 Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Plaistow**, **NH**, in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, to finance the interconnection of private well users to the public water system to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.
- #114 Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Newmarket, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$255,000,** for improvements at the wastewater treatment facility. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- #115 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Portsmouth, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for improvements to the Mechanic Street Wastewater Pumping Station. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.
- #117 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Newmarket, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to perform an investigation study of the sewer collection system. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.
- #119 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Raymond, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for planning work related to the stormwater system. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.
- #121 Authorized to award a grant to the Exeter River MHP Cooperative, Inc., Exeter, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$1,981,600, for water and wastewater system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. 100% Federal Funds.

- #122 Authorized to award a grant to the Rock Rimmon Cooperative, Inc., Danville, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$1,463,772, for water and wastewater system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.
- #126 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Rockingham County Conservation District, Brentwood, NH, for a total of \$100,000, for final design and permitting necessary to replace a failing tidal culvert at Pit Lane in New Castle, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.
- #127 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the **Town of Seabrook**, **NH**, **for a total of \$1,050,200**, for implementation of adaptation solutions to increase flood resilience of the Seabrook Wastewater Treatment Facility. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**.
- #130 Authorized to award a grant to **The Village of Windham, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,** for a drinking water consolidation study under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through April 15, 2023. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.**
- #139 Authorized to accept and place on file the annual report of the Oil Fund Disbursement Board for the SFY22.
- #141 Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of New Castle, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$100,650,** for the Pump Station Electrical System Upgrades project. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds. (2) Further authorize a loan agreement in an amount not to exceed \$241,250 to finance the Pump Station Electrical System Upgrades project. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds.**
- <u>#146</u> **Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Exeter, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$1,395,000,** for the Webster Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation project. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize a loan agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,255,000 to finance the Webster Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation project. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#157 Authorized the Division of Learner Support to enter into a **sole source** contract with the **New Hampshire Learning Initiative, Inc., Hampton, NH, in the amount of \$46,438.74,** to provide professional development trainings in competency-based performance assessment practices in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Other Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- #161 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the municipalities as detailed in the letter dated October 11, 2022, for a total amount of \$369,841.72, from the Body-worn and Dashboard Camera Fund. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. 100% General Funds. The following District Three municipalities were awarded grants: Epping Police Department (\$50,000), Hampton Police Department (\$50,000), Hampton Falls Police Department (\$14,081), Newton Police Department (\$33,125) and Windham Police Department (\$50,000).
- <u>#163</u> Authorized the NH Office of Highway Safety (NHOHS) to enter into a **sole source** contract with the **Community Alliance for Teen Safety, Derry, NH, in the amount of \$10,000,** for conducting highway traffic safety presentations for underserved roadway users. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- #166 Authorize the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Exeter, NH, in the amount of \$13,300, to purchase and install equipment at the community's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#176 Authorized to enter into Contract with **JSJ Auctions, LLC, Epping, NH**, at no cost to the State, to provide Live Auctioneering Services, from December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval with the option to extend for up to an additional two (2) year term.

CONFIRMATIONS

Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation (Management)

Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation

(Rep. of Insurance Interests of Commercial Workers' Compensation Carriers)

Board of Nursing (LNA)

Board of Professional Engineers

Board of Professional Engineers

Community College System of New Hampshire, Board of Trustees

(Employee of the Community College System of NH)

Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Compact

Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission (Hydro-Electric Concern)

Current Use Advisory Board (Public Member)

Office of Professional Licensure & Certification

(Director, Division of Licensing & Board Administration)

Lakes Management Advisory Committee (Rep. of N.H. Lakes Association)

Lakes Management Advisory Committee (Rep. Tourism Industry)

Lakes Management Advisory Committee (Member of Fish & Game Commission)

Mechanical Licensing Board (Journeyman/Master Plumber)

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

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New Hampshire Water Well Board (Public Member)

New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board (Knowledgeable in Auto Mechanics)

Rivers Management Advisory Committee (Rep. Public Water Works)

NOMINATIONS

Air Resources Council (General Public, Chairman)

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services

Assistant Director, Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Department of Safety

Board of Licensed Dietitians

Board of Nursing

Director, Division of Field Services, Department of Corrections

Director, Division of Personnel, Department of Administrative Services

Director of Finance, Department of Transportation

Director of Policy & Administration, Department of Transportation

Juvenile Parole Board

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors(Postsecondary Education)

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors

Waste Management Council (Elected Official)

Nicole Lovett, Nottingham Candace Veziris, Manchester

Melissa A. Underhill, Franklin Marc W. Morin, Bow Paul J. Mullin, Amherst Kimberly Eckenrode, Nashua

Donald McGinley, New Boston Jennifer C. Griffin, Acworth Thomas N. Thomson, Orford Bethany Cottrell, Andover

Andrea M. Lamoreaux, Plymouth Jared Maraio, Meredith Susan G. Price, Moultonborough Joseph Nash, Manchester Angela F. Brown, Randolph José Manuel Lezcano, Keene Cecilia Ulibarri, Nashua H. Keith DuBois, Barrington George F. Dykstra, Chichester Donald L. Ware, Merrimack

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Melissa M. Tuttle, Hooksett
Jeffrey F. White, Concord
Lorrie A. Rudis, Merrimack
Danielle M. Chandonnet, Manchester
Alexis A. Martin, Hooksett
Jorge Santana, Concord
Marco Philippon, Concord
Stephanie S. Lesperance, Henniker
Guy Eaton, Dover
Philip D'Avanza, Goffstown