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TO: All District Three Constituents
FROM: Executive Councilor Janet Stevens

DATE: December 7, 2022

The breakfast portion of the December 7, 2022, Executive Council meeting was held at the [New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management](#) (HSEM).

HSEM is part of the New Hampshire Department of Safety and is the state-level equivalent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The agency only becomes involved in major disasters where state resources are needed or when the size or duration of the disaster requires a coordinated state response. Examples of HSEM involvement – which are ongoing/open disasters (pending final grant funding) - include six severe storm and flooding disasters (2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021) and the COVID pandemic disaster. There was discussion regarding the length of time to complete necessary work associated with these disasters.



There are funding opportunities for municipalities to prepare for and reduce long term risks due to a natural disaster (presidential declared disaster event) or long-term risk of flooding. These programs include - [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#), [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#), and [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#). The agency is responsible for the development of all-hazards and emergency preparedness in New Hampshire. To meet core requirements of the National Preparedness Goals (NPG), New Hampshire utilizes the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program to support municipalities. District Three municipalities have relied upon EMPG funding to purchase emergency generators.

[2023 Homeland Security Grant Program - Deadline January 11, 2023](#) The federal Homeland Security Grant Program is a competitive grant program. The anticipated focus of the 2023 Grant program is terrorism preparedness, prevention, and recovery strategies, with the goal of enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowds, enhanced information gathering and

analysis, combatting violent extremism, and enhancing community preparedness and resiliency. Link to the dedicated Department of Safety site is above.

ELECTRICITY GRID CONCERNS: In the event of a prolonged cold snap this winter, compounded by increased global demand for LNG and the inherent challenges New Hampshire faces with access to LNG to generate electricity, the six-state electricity grid (ISO NE) would be challenged to meet supply demands.

“This is unquestionably the most uncertain global geopolitical situation we’ve seen affecting energy in at least 20 or 30 years. We do believe that we’ll be able to maintain reliability under most circumstances and situations. But it’s a tight market.” President of the New England Power Generators Association.

I asked HSEM Commissioner Buxton what systems and plans were in place in the event New Hampshire’s electricity demands exceeded supply and rolling blackouts were required to protect the power grid. Both Commissioner Buxton and Governor Sununu discussed planning/meetings which are occurring to discuss this critical issue and potential strategic responses to this unlikely situation.

HSEM – PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

On December 8, 2022, multiple threats of active shooters were received at schools across the state. Law enforcement agencies throughout the state and HSEM worked in conjunction to respond to the threats made. By the end of the day, the calls were determined to be hoaxes.

I have raised concerns regarding statewide school safety - most recently in June of this year:
*At the June 1, 2022, Executive Council meeting I expressed concern regarding the balance of the **School Infrastructure Fund, which was initially funded at \$30 million** yet following demand in enhancing safety at schools throughout the state, the fund dropped to \$3 million. I urged the Commissioners of Education and Public Safety to prioritize school safety and requested a follow up. On June 7, 2022, Governor Sununu allocated an additional \$10 million to the School Infrastructure Fund, which allows public and private schools to access funding for three security strategies -*

Following the threats made to New Hampshire schools on December 8, 2022. HSEM Commissioner stated: **“Today we saw schools using their emergency operation plans to respond to calls”**. HSEM leadership serves on the Public-School Infrastructure Commission and is charged with reviewing applications.

For 2022 the following grant awards have been awarded to New Hampshire schools:

512 Applications approved

\$13,733,522.86 approved

Round 1 Public Schools– 177 projects - \$3,859,917.46 – 92 schools supported

Round 2 Public and Nonpublic – 355 projects - \$9,873,605.40 – 249 schools supported (231 public/18 nonpublic)

Listed below are awards made to District Three Schools. **Nothing is of greater importance than keeping our schools safe.**

Brentwood (\$20,000)	Chester Academy (\$100,000)	Derry Cooperative (\$228,924 – seven schools)
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 [September 7, 2022](#), Executive Council meeting. The following District Three schools received funding

Derry Cooperative: \$93,000 - 7 schools	Hampton Falls: \$15,000	North Hampton: \$45,200
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	



New Hampshire Lego Robotics Champions- Windham

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

Captain Kimberly G. Steinhagen, Windham, ME, to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard.
Major Troy Townsend, Warner, NH, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

[#96A](#) Authorized to sell the state-owned land, buildings, and other improvements known as the Lakes Region Facility located along North Main Street/Parade Road (NH Route 106), Meredith Center Road, and Eastman Road, and abutting Ahern State Park, Laconia, NH (the "Property") to Legacy at Laconia, LLC for \$21,500,000, pursuant to the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Net Proceeds from Sale (General Fund).** This item was tabled. I did not support tabling the item and was prepared to vote on the sale of this complex property – a goal of the state for the past 25 years.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health Services

[#15](#) Authorized to amend existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated November 4, 2022, to provide nutrition services through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program to low income women, preschool age children, and infants, by increasing the total price limitation by \$442,326 from \$17,765,882 to \$18,208,208 with no change to the completion date of June 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

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Division of Economic & Housing Stability

[#20](#) Authorized to amend existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated November 15, 2022, for the provision of the State Grant in Aid (SGIA) Home Assistance program, by increasing the total price limitation by \$3,999,996 from \$12,725,724 to \$16,725,720, with no change to the contrite completion dates of June 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds. Crossroads House – Portsmouth (\$515,436), NH Catholic Charities – Greenland (\$118,121) and Seacoast Family Promise – Exeter (\$75,168)**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[#21](#) Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to amend a previously approved item (originally approved by G&C on 1/24/22, Item #28), to dispose of two (2) parcels of state-owned land located on the westerly side of NH Route 16 (Spaulding Turnpike) in the Town of Newington by reducing the acreage of the two (2) parcels from 5.20+/- to 4.02+/- . As a result of the decreased acreage to be conveyed, and a review of the previously determined value, the sale price was reduced from \$1,111,200 to \$952,200 which includes a \$1,100 per parcel administrative fee. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Turnpike Funds. Newington. Total acreage of the lots decreased by 1.16 acres after final survey.**

[#26](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with New England Signal Systems, Inc., Northwood, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,078,968.60 for construction of Weigh-in-Motion Stations in the cities/towns of Concord, **Hampton Falls**, Manchester and Hopkinton (Project: Statewide 43931). (2) Further authorize that a 10% contingency in the amount of \$107,896.86 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 25, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[#36](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with **Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$12,011,853** for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorize to advance \$896,426 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Southern NH Services is the Community Action Program for District 3**

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

[#39D](#) Authorized to finalize the grant agreements using signed terms and conditions as detailed in the letter dated November 29, 2022, in an amount totaling \$112,581 from the approved accept and expend of \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) previously approved on 11/22/22 to grant funds to support the Local Restaurant Infrastructure Funds Program designed to help address workforce issues and overall restaurant safety challenges experienced by small, locally-owned restaurants across the state. Effective upon G&C approval

through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.** Markeys – Seabrook (\$15,000) and Beach Plum – several District 3 locations (\$15,000)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

#43 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to the Nonprofit Arts Organizations as detailed in the letter dated November 17, 2022, in the amount of \$52,500 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts program to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds. NH Theater Project – Portsmouth (\$15,000)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#61 Authorized to amend the contract with **Ransom Consulting, LLC, Portsmouth, NH** (originally approved by G&C on 6/5/19, Item #99), by increasing the contract amount by \$150,000 to \$1,590,000 from \$1,440,000, to support a recently awarded EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

#65 Authorized to award a grant to the **Town of Exeter, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000**, for a study to evaluate modification and removal alternatives for Pickpocket Dam. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

#69 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Exeter, in the amount not to exceed \$99,215, for the Westside Drive Area Utility Improvement project. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize a loan agreement with the Town of Exeter, in the amount not to exceed \$231,500, to finance the Westside Drive Area Utility Improvement project. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

#82 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the organizations as detailed in the letter dated November 21, 2022 for a total amount of \$927,608 as part of the 2022 Non Profit Security Grant Program (NPSGP) Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Temple Israel – Portsmouth (\$79,263)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#94 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with **Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc., Salem, NH**, via this fourth (4th) amendment by adding one (1) location and increasing the price limitation by \$5,000 from \$458,000 to \$463,000, for recycling collection services. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2025.

#95 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with **RTH Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Portsmouth, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$2,100,000**, for Replace Steam Lines and Traps, at the State Prison for Men, Concord, NH. (2) Further authorize that a contingency in the amount of \$340,000 be approved for unanticipated site expenses for Replace Steam Lines and Traps, at the State Prison for Men, Concord, NH, bringing the total to \$2,440,000 (3) Further authorize the amount of \$25,000 be approved for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$2,465,000 Effective upon G&C approval through September 15, 2023. **100% Capital Fund.**

CONFIRMATIONS

Acting Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services
Air Resources Council (General Public, Chairman)
Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services
Board of Licensed Dietitians
Board of Nursing

Lori Weaver, Concord
Robert E. Duval, Manchester
Mark A. Sanborn, Laconia
Abby L. Savard, Hooksett
Melissa M. Tuttle, Hooksett

Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food
Commissioner, Department of Transportation
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)

Shawn N. Jasper, Hudson
William J. Cass, Laconia
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

NOMINATIONS

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals
(Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor)
Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing
(Recommended by N.H. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)
Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing
(Recommended by N.H. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)
Board of Natural Scientists
Deputy Commissioner, Banking Department
Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council
Family Mediator Certification Board (Nom. by the NH Conflict Resolution Assoc.)
Fire Standards and Training Commission (Full-time Career Fire Chief)
Public Water Access Advisory Board (Power Boating)
Right to Know Ombudsman (Chapter 250, 2022)
Site Evaluation Committee (Public Member)

David M. Rodrigue, Sanbornton

Joni O'Brien, East Wakefield

Nicole Sargent, Hillsborough

Grace Warwick, Manchester
Gregory W. Howard, West Ossipee
Michael Moranti, Bedford
Christopher D. Snow, Rye
Briana M. Coakley, Portsmouth
Donald DeAngelis, Epping
Robin B. Saunders, Sunapee
Thomas F. Kehr, Concord
James Jalbert, Rollinsford