

# LCHIP

Land & Community Heritage  
Investment Program



MEMO

DATE September 9, 2019  
TO Council on Resources and Development (CORD)  
FROM Dijit Taylor, LCHIP Executive Director  
TOPIC Request to Expend from Community Conservation Endowment Income

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As you may remember from LCHIP's annual request to CORD, RSA 162-C:7 assigns CORD to "oversee, direct ad expend funds" set aside under RSA 227-M:12 I, LCHIP's s Community Conservation Endowment (CCE).

LCHIP's monitoring endowment is to be used as follows:

227-M:12 II. Funds added to the monitoring endowment pursuant to RSA 227-M:12, I shall be used to support monitoring by state agencies, local municipalities, and qualifying nonprofit corporations of easement interests acquired under this chapter. Such monitoring shall be to ensure that the resource protected through the program will be managed according to the legal agreements concerning easement interests in the resource.

LCHIP's FY 2020 administrative budget, approved by the LCHIP Board of Directors at their June 24, 2019 meeting, includes an income item of \$11,900 to be drawn from the income to the CCE. The funds are intended to help cover costs of seasonal employees (interns) who monitor LCHIP properties for LCHIP. We feel that this meets the standard set out in RSA 227-M: 12, "to ensure that the resource protected through the program will be managed according to the legal agreements concerning easement interests in the resource." The LCHIP administrative budget is under the purview of the LCHIP Board of Directors, not past of the state budget and thus is not controlled by the current "continuing resolution".

This is the first time LCHIP has proposed to use any part of the income from the CCE toward this cost.

The total income to the CCE for FY 2019 was \$344,690. The FY 2019 disbursement for incentive payments to LCHIP-assisted properties that submitted acceptable timely monitoring reports was \$77,600. So far into FY 2020, the CCE recorded July 2019 income of \$86,884. This proposed transfer of \$11,900 does not appear to have a major deleterious effect on the bulk of the CCE income.

Proposed motion: That CORD approve the disbursement of to \$11,900 of income from the Community Conservation Endowment to the LCHIP administrative budget to pay for interns carrying out monitoring of interests acquired by LCHIP.