

Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Draw Request

To: Council on Resources and Development (CORD)
Department of Business and Economic Affairs

From: Charlotte Harding, Conservation Land Stewardship Program, NH Fish and Game
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RE: FY26 Annual Draw Request

Date: August 6, 2026

The Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP) annually requests funds from the Monitoring Endowment (also referred to as the Land Conservation Endowment or LCE) to complete fiscal year reconciliation and closeout activities. Endowment funds support CLSP's monitoring responsibilities for conservation property interests acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP), including annual monitoring of 86 state-held conservation easements and oversight of 253 municipal properties. Funds also support annual monitoring of 26 non-LCIP state-held conservation easements for which stewardship contributions have been deposited.

On October 9, 2025, the Monitoring Endowment disbursement request for Fiscal Years 26 and 27 was presented to CORD. At that time, CORD approved a disbursement of up to \$303,582 from the endowment for FYs 26 and 27 to be allocated between CLSP and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) based on the proportional contributions intended to fund each agency's monitoring program. Under this allocation, CLSP may withdraw up to \$279,761 and DNCR may withdraw up to \$23,821. CLSP's FY26 budget includes \$245,246 in planned withdrawals.

At this time, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests CORD approval for a disbursement of \$109,258.81 from the Monitoring Endowment to cover CLSP's FY26 program expenses. The approximately \$135,000 difference between the budgeted and actual FY26 request is primarily due to reduced staffing costs following the retirement of the former CLSP Director in December 2024 and a full-time position that remained vacant until May 2026.

CORD's authorization of this disbursement will be recorded in the meeting minutes and provided to the Treasury Department as verification of the withdrawal request.

Attached: FY 2026 Land Conservation Endowment Invoice

Conservation Land Stewardship Program
 Bill To Land Conservation Endowment
 Customer # 810038867
 Date 6/30/2026
 Invoice # AR75LCEFFY26
 AR Code ARGO

AU/Acct 10 57190000 401986
 Vendor 2/26/2752
 Reporting Period FY 2026

		CHARGES THIS PERIOD
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	
000	FEDERAL FUNDS	(3,767.80)
010	PERSONAL SERVICES - PERMANANT	66,377.80
020	CURRENT EXPENSES	669.59
022	RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STATE	0.00
026	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	100.00
027	TRANSFERS TO DOIT	3,846.46
028	TRANSFER TO GENERAL SERVICES	0.00
030	EQUIPMENT NEW/REPLACEMENT	0.00
039	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,047.15
040	INDIRECT COSTS	4,883.72
042	ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS	0.00
049	TRANSFERS TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES	77.00
050	PERSONAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY	6,988.72
060	BENEFITS	26,579.10
062	WORKERS COMPENSATION	12.06
070	IN STATE TRAVEL	1,434.83
080	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	0.00
089	TRANSFER TO DAS MAINT FUND	0.00
211	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	10.18
		109,258.81