



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: December 23, 2014
Subject: Grant Request #2732, #2733, #2734, #2735, #2736

Enclosed please find five (5) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration. Three (3) limited-service positions are associated with these requests.

JFO #2732 – Donation of 20 acres (estimated value: \$54,000) from William Jackson to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. The land, located in the town of Starksboro, will become part of the Lewis Creek Wildlife Management Area and will protect public access for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. \$7,500 of federal Pittman-Robertson funding will be used to cover legal costs associated with this acquisition. **Expedited review has been requested. Joint Fiscal Committee members will be contacted by December 29th with a request to waive the balance of the review period and accept this donation.**

[JFO received 12/22/14]

JFO #2733 – \$56,000 donation from the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation to the Vermont Military Department. These funds will support the maintenance and upkeep of the Vermont National Guard Fallen Heroes Memorial at Camp Johnson in Colchester over a five-year period and will support the purchase of a new Bobcat mower.

[JFO received 12/22/14]

JFO #2734 – \$68,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation. These funds will be used to improve invasive plant management in Vermont through site prioritization and the development of evaluation techniques. This grant will act as a match for existing federal monies from the U.S. Forest Service. **One (1) limited-service position, a Forester I, is associated with this request.**

[JFO received 12/22/14]

JFO #2735 – \$885,072 grant from the U.S. Administration for Children and Families to the Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Family. 34% of the funds are through a Behavioral Intervention in Child Support Services (BICS) grant and the remainder from Federal Financial Participation (FFP) matching funds. These funds will be used over three years to test and evaluate proposed behavioral interventions aimed at positively impacting child support collections for Vermont families. The total anticipated grant and match funding will amount to \$1,147,057 and be received over a five-year period.

[JFO received 12/22/14]

JFO #2736 – \$663,614 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Vermont Department of Health. These funds will be used over a three-year period to work with partners around the State to incorporate factors associated with quality-of-life into the State’s analysis of health resources and expenditures. **Two (2) limited-service positions**, a Grants Program Manager and a Senior Health Policy Analyst, are associated with this request.

[JFO received 12/22/14]

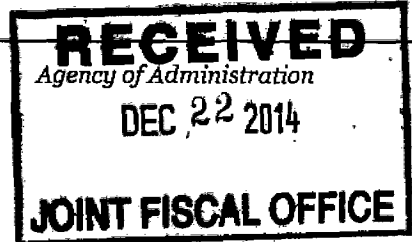
Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by January 6, 2015 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor’s acceptance of these requests.



JFO 2732

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STATE OF VERMONT
FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM

Grant Summary:		Donation of 20 Acres of land in the Town of Starksboro to add to the Lewis Creek Meadows Wildlife Management Area			
Date:		12/6/2014			
Department:		ANR F&W 612000000			
Legal Title of Grant:		Jackson/Loupe Land Donation			
Federal Catalog #:		N/A			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		William Jackson, 1301 Cider Mill Road, Middlebury VT 05753-9231 / Sarah Marie Loupe, PO Box Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 7A2.			
Grant Period:		From:	To:		
Grant/Donation		20 Acres in the Town of Starksboro to add to the Lewis Creek Meadows Wildlife Management Area, thereby protecting public access for hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife viewing, and conservation of significant wildlife habitat. This has been approved by the Starksboro Select Board.			
Grant Amount:	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
	\$54,000	\$0	\$0	\$	Land value only.
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:		The only budgetary effect is \$7,500 for legal costs and the removal of an old camp. Pittman-Robertson funds are available.			
Department of Finance & Management		<i>[Signature]</i>		(Initial)	
Secretary of Administration		<i>[Signature]</i>		(Initial)	
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office				Date 12/15/14	

12/6/14






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Agency of Natural Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee

THROUGH: Louis Porter, Commissioner  12/23/2014

FROM: Steve Gomez, Financial Manager  12/23/2014

SUBJECT: Request for Expedited Review of Grant Acceptance

DATE: December 23, 2014

The Fish and Wildlife Department is requesting an expedited review of the grant acceptance for land donations from William Jackson and Sarah Marie Loupe. Both of these property owners have generously donated a total of 20 acres of land which will become part of the Lewis Creek Wildlife Management Area. The Fish and Wildlife Department would like to close on these properties prior to December 31, 2014 which will allow the property owners to claim the land donation on their 2014 taxes. This was the one consideration that the property owners wanted from the Fish and Wildlife Department for the donation. The desire to close on the properties and obtain tax benefits has been part of the verbal discussions regarding these agreements since the beginning. An expedited review of this grant acceptance and closing on the properties by December 31, 2014 will honor the property owners' expectation and reciprocate the gift of this land donation.

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Natural Resources			
2. Department:	Fish and Wildlife			
3. Program:	Lands and Habitat			
4. Legal Title of Grant:				
5. Federal Catalog #:				
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:	William Jackson Sarah Marie Loupe 1301 Cider Mill Road PO Box 20154 Middlebury, Vermont 05753-9231 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 7A2			
7. Grant Period:	From:		To:	
8. Purpose of Grant:	The purpose of this grant is to protect wildlife resources and provide public access for wildlife-based recreation through the acceptance of land donations.			
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:	The Department will not be able to provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, fishing and other wildlife related recreation. It will also limit the Department's ability to protect 20 acres of wildlife habitat and three tributaries of Lewis Creek.			
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2015	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$7,500	\$	\$	Legal costs
Operating Expenses	\$54,000	\$	\$	Value of land
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$61,500	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$54,000	\$	\$	Donation value
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$7,500	\$	\$	PR Funds
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$61,500	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:		Amount:	\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

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			\$
			\$
		Total	\$

Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage? Yes No

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: Louis Porter Agreed by: (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature: <u> </u>	Date: <u>11.24.14</u>
	Title: Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources	
	Signature: <u> </u>	Date: <u>11/24/14</u>
	Title: Commissioner, Vermont Fish and Wildlife	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) <u> </u>	Date: <u>12/12/14</u>
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature) <u> </u>	Date: <u>12/12/14</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected		

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
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End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).

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TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

FROM: Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: Donation of two parcels totaling 20 acres from Woody Jackson and Sarah Loupe to provide additional conservation and public access opportunities at Lewis Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Recommendation: That you approve the acceptance of the donation of 20 acres from Woody Jackson and Sarah Loupe to be added to the Vermont Wildlife Department's Lewis Creek WMA located in the town of Starksboro.

Description

Lewis Creek WMA is located entirely in the town of Starksboro. The 2,020 acres that comprise the WMA range from East Mountain on the west to the top of Hillsboro Mountain on the east. Lewis Creek WMA is located mostly on the western slope of a small range of mountains that form the eastern side of the Lewis Creek Valley. The area is underlain mostly by well-drained loamy soils. Small streams, including one branch of the headwaters of Lewis Creek, arise on the WMA. Lewis Creek is a conservation priority for a number of regional and statewide organizations and state programs, including the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Rivers Program. Lewis Creek is recognized as a significant aquatic resource in the state and is recognized as one of the best examples of Moderate to large rivers directly entering Lake Champlain and Lower reaches of small rivers in the state. This diversity has led the entire watershed of Lewis Creek to be identified as the watershed with the best potential for being most representative of all assemblage types in the entire state. In addition to conserving habitat for a fish like brook trout and slimy sculpin, Lewis Creek provides excellent habitat for a diversity of mussels like the Eastern pearlshell.

The last acquisition was in 2000 and connected Lewis Creek WMA with Huntington Gap WMA, forming a large contiguous tract of public land (See Exhibit 1). The 20 acres proposed as a donation now to the state was originally owned jointly by Woody Jackson and Sarah Loupe but was subdivided into two lots. While the acreage is not large, the properties contain three tributaries of Lewis Creek. In addition, the properties have not been harvested in the recent past and it is nicely stocked. There is a camp on the property which the Department will remove. Legal access to the parcel is from the end of Ireland Road.

Need and Cost

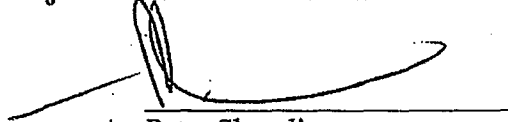
The Department is acquiring this parcel in order to provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, fishing, wildlife viewing, other wildlife dependent activities and conservation of significant wildlife habitat. The estimate set for the total project costs are roughly \$7,500 which reflects the legal costs associated with the closing and removing the camp from the property. Funding for this acquisition will come from Pittman-Robertson funds.

Your approval of this acquisition is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144, which states in part "the secretary, with approval of the governor, may exchange, sell or lease lands under the secretary's jurisdiction when, in his or her judgment, it is advantageous to the state to do so ..." This project has already been reviewed and approved by the Agency's Land Acquisition Review Committee at their meeting on December 6, 2013 (See Exhibit 2). In addition, the town supports this acquisition as documented in the letter from the Starksboro Select Board (Exhibit 3).

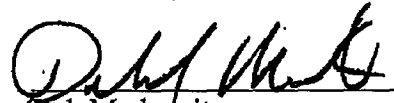
APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF LAND

We the undersigned, hereby approve the acceptance of land by the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect public access and the natural resources on the 20 acres belonging to Woody Jackson and Sarah Loupe in Starksboro, VT. This approval is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.


11/5/14
Date


Peter Shumlin
Governor
State of Vermont

10-20-14
Date


Deb Markowitz
Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

10/15/14
Date


Louis Porter
Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department