

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING
August 3, 2021

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Karen Umberger
Representative Keith Erf (Alternate)
Representative Peter Leishman
Senator Gary Daniels
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Erin Hennessey (Alternate)
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

The Chair called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair announced that questions on the items under this consent calendar would be addressed and then the Committee would take a block vote.

FIS 21-196 Department of Energy – Jared Chicoine, Commissioner, and Mark Sanborn, Governor's Energy Advisor, Department of Energy; FIS 21-198 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs; and FIS 21-204 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, and Chase Hagaman, Deputy Director, Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery, responded to questions of the Committee.

Regarding FIS 21-204 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery, Senator Rosenwald questioned whether the activities for the Choose Love Bus Tour Program are evidence-based activities? Commissioner Caswell was unable to answer and responded he would get back to her with the information.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Hennessey, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 21-196 Department of Energy – authorization to accept and expend \$250,000 in federal American Rescue

Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to fund an impacts assessment study on deployment of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine through June 30, 2023, FIS 21-198 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$1,001,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to fund the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Program through June 30, 2023, FIS 21-199 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$1,003,503 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to fund the Workforce Recruitment Marketing and Outreach through June 30, 2023, FIS 21-200 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$210,210 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to fund Collaborative Economic Development Regions (CEDRs) through June 30, 2023, FIS 21-201 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$61,887 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) for the purchase of critical emergency response equipment through June 30, 2022, FIS 21-202 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$150,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) for the purpose of purchasing critical computer equipment required for a consolidation of Dispatch Services through June 30, 2022, FIS 21-203 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to accept and expend \$505,505 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) to fund the Housing Needs Administration Program through June 30, 2023, and FIS 21-204 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to accept and expend \$207,708 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) fund the Choose Love Bus Tour Program through June 30, 2022]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Daniels, FIS 21-197 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 21-197 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Scott Mason, Executive Director, and Mike Marchand, Supervisor, Nongaming Endangered Wildlife Program, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$560,200 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) for the purpose of hiring three temporary full-time staff members to provide assistance in permit application review, and 2) subject to approval of request #1, authorization to establish three (3) full-time temporary positions consisting of; one (1) Project Planner II (LG 21) and two (2) Biologist II (LG 23). MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; Senator Daniels voted No)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

By Committee consensus the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Representative Karen Umberger, Clerk