



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jeffrey K Hoadley, General Services Director

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund Grant Acceptance and Appropriation

Recommendation

Accept this report and authorize the City Manager to accept approved grant funds from the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). In addition, the Department requests that the City Council appropriate the sum \$526,968.00, of which 80% (\$421,574.00) will be reimbursed to the City upon successful completion of the project and the City's match of 20% (105,394.00) will be funded using General fund general obligation bonds and notes.

Background

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services launched the Granite State Clean Fleets Program to assist municipalities in reducing transportation-related emissions. This program provides financial support for replacing aging diesel vehicles with cleaner, more efficient alternatives. The General Services Department has identified eligible opportunities. It seeks Council authorization for the City Manager to pursue funding for 2 new dump trucks under this program to support the modernization of the municipal fleet and advance local environmental and public health objectives.

Discussion

Upon approval of this report by the City Council, the City Manager will be authorized to accept funds awarded through the Granite State Clean Fleets Program. The City submitted applications on October 30, 2025, to replace older fleet units that no longer meet current emission standards. These applications were approved by Governor Kelly Ayotte and the Executive Council on January 28, 2026. To proceed, the project requires a formal appropriation by the City Council, and the associated grant funds will be reimbursed to the City upon project completion.

Cc James Bell, Fleet Manager
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