The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

Celebrating 25 Years of Protecting New Hampshire's Environment

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January 9, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Middleton, (VC #159905), Middleton, New Hampshire, in the amount of $7,116.00, for milfoil control efforts in portions of Sunrise Lake, effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2013. 100% Lake Restoration Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	FY 2013
03-44-44-442010-1430-073-500580	$7,116.00

Dept. Environmental Services, Lakes Restoration Program, Grants-Nonfederal

EXPLANATION

Variable milfoil, an invasive exotic aquatic plant, has been a problem in Sunrise Lake for several years. DES grant funds in the amount specified above are earmarked for management activities to control variable milfoil in portions of the above mentioned waterbody in 2013.

The primary purpose of New Hampshire's Exotic Aquatic Plant Program is to "prevent the introduction and further dispersal of exotic aquatic weeds and to manage or eradicate exotic aquatic weed infestations in the surface waters of the state" (RSA 487:17, II). The program, initiated in 1981, has five focus areas: 1) Prevention of new infestations, 2) Monitoring for early detection of new infestations to facilitate rapid control activities, 3) Control of new and established infestations, 4) Research towards new control methods with the goal of reducing or eliminating infested areas, and 5) Regional cooperation.

DES received 40 requests for funding to control exotic plant growth in 2013, and each project was awarded a 40% match for the proposed work. See Attachment B for a listing of projects, as well as information on the grant request reviewer.

In the event that other funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support this program. This agreement was approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to form, execution and content.

We respectfully request your approval.

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

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Subject: Control of Variable Milfoil in Sunrise Lake, Middleton

GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATIONS

1.1 State Agency Name Department of Environmental Services		**1.2 State Agency Address** 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Grantee Name: Town of Middleton		**1.4 Grantee Address** c/o Conservation Commission 182 Kings Highway Middleton, NH 03887	
1.5 Effective Date Upon G&C approval	**1.6 Completion Date** December 31, 2013	**1.7 Audit Date** N/A	**1.8 Grant Limitation** $7,116.00
1.9 Grant Officer for State Agency Amy P. Smagula		**1.10 State Agency Telephone Number** 603-271-2248	
1.11 Grantee Signature Kathryn Buzard		**1.12 Name & Title of Grantee Signor** Chairperson, Conservation Commission	

1.13 Acknowledgment: State of New Hampshire, **County of** Strafford

On 1/7/2013, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12., or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11., and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.

1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace

(Seal) Deborah L. Otoole

DEBORAH L. OTOOLE, Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 22, 2017

1.13.2 Name & Title of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace

Town clerk of Middleton, NH

1.14 State Agency Signature(s)

Thomas S. Burack

1.15 Name/Title of State Agency Signor(s)

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

1.16 Approval by Attorney General's Office (Form, Substance and Execution)

By: **Attorney, On:** 2/27/2013

1.17 Approval by the Governor and Council

By: **On:** / /

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Date 1-7-2013

2. SCOPE OF WORK. In exchange for grant funds provided by the state of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), pursuant to RSA 21-O, the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT A (the scope of work being referred to as "the Project").

3. **AREA COVERED.** Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the state of New Hampshire.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**

4.1 This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date in block 1.5 or on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire whichever is later (hereinafter referred to as "the Effective Date").

4.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.6 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").

5. **GRANT AMOUNT; LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; VOUCHERS; PAYMENT.**

5.1 The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto.

5.2 The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT B.

5.3 In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT B, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.

5.4 The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.

5.5 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.

6. **COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits.

7. **RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS.**

7.1 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.

7.2 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records or personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Grantee" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these general provisions.

8. **PERSONNEL.**

8.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.

8.2 The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform such Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.

8.3 The Grant officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.

9. **DATA: RETENTION OF DATA; ACCESS.**

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and

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documents, all whether finished or unfinished.
9.2 Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.
9.3 No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.
9.4 On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.
9.5 The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.

10. **CONDITIONAL NATURE OR AGREEMENT.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.

11. **EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.**
11.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):
11.1.1 failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or
11.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; or
11.1.3 failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or
11.1.4 failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.
11.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:
11.2.1 give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and
11.2.2 give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and
11.2.3 set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and
11.2.4 treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

12. **TERMINATION.**
12.1 In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination.
12.2 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.
12.3 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.
12.4 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or except where notice default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** No officer, member or employee of the Grantee and no representative, officer of employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interests or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14. **GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

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15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranteed by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit A without the prior written consent of the State.

16. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee of Subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.

17. **INSURANCE AND BOND.**

17.1 The Grantee shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:

17.1.1 statutory workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and

17.1.2 comprehensive public liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than $2,000,000 for bodily injury or death any one incident, and $500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and

17.2 The policies described in subparagraph 18.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of N w Hampshire. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation of modification of the policy earlier than ten (10) days after written notice has been received by the State.

18. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure or waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.

19. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.

20. **AMENDMENT.** This agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire.

21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.

22. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any
third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.

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Date 1-7-2013

Exhibit A
Scope of Services

1. The Town of Middleton is the grantee for this project. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) is referred to as the "state." Amy P. Smagula of the Watershed Management Bureau is the grant officer for the state.

2. Variable milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant, has become a nuisance problem in various portions of Sunrise Lake, and the grantee is seeking grant funds to assist in milfoil control efforts in 2013.

3. The grantee shall ensure that the contractors (selected through a competitive bid process) adhere to the following project-specific tasks:

   For herbicide treatment in 2013, the grantee will ensure that Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. performs the following tasks:
   - Task 1 Prepare and file Special Permit application with NH DPC (inclusive of the required abutter notifications, publication of newspaper notices and all costs associated with advertising and attending a public hearing, if required).
   - Task 2 Perform chemical treatment of the subject waterbody per the bid specifications, inclusive of all labor, chemical, and equipment costs.
   - Task 3 Conduct pre- and post-treatment surveys and submit the required written reporting to the State per the bid specifications.
   - Task 4 Perform post-treatment herbicide residue sample collection as required by permit.

   For the diver work in 2013, the grantee will ensure that the diver(s) perform(s) the following tasks:
   - Task 1 Notify the DES Exotic Species Program of the scope and timing of the project, and how the materials removed from the pond will be disposed of, and the names of the divers performing the work, at least two weeks before the work is scheduled to begin. Divers performing this work must be certified Weed Control Divers in New Hampshire.
   - Task 2 Notify DES within 5 business days of when the work is completed by submitting a daily dive report for work that was performed, per the reporting examples provided in the Weed Control Diver course.

4. DES will provide monetary support to the Town of Middleton for up to 40% of the total project cost as outlined in the project bid.

   Should the cost of the herbicide treatment or diver work be lower than the bids for the projects, remaining grant funds may be used to match costs associated with other DES approved milfoil control projects in the above referenced waterbody.

Exhibit B
Grant Amount and Payment Schedule

Payments shall be made by DES to the grantee upon approval of stated outputs and verification of the value of completed work through submittal of invoices for services rendered.

DES will pay the Town of Middleton up to 40% of total project costs, or up to $7,116.00, within 30 days of receiving a copy of the contractor's invoice(s) for completion of the tasks outlined in #3 above.

The grantee is responsible for paying the contractor.

The billing address shall be as follows:

NH Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Attn: Amy Smagula, Watershed Management Bureau

Invoices shall be approved by the Grant Officer before payment is processed.

Exhibit C
Special Provisions

Paragraph 17 is waived with respect to the Grantee. However, the Grantee shall ensure that the contractor or subcontractor hired by the Grantee to perform the work shall meet the insurance requirements of Paragraph 17.

Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
(603) 473-2261
FAX: (603) 473-2577

February 13, 2013

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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Amy Smagula
Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator
New Hampshire DES
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

The Board of Selectmen of Middleton, NH authorize the Middleton Conservation Commission to enter into a milfoil agreement with the State of New Hampshire DES for 2013.

Todd LaPierre, Chairman

CERTIFICATE

I, Evelyn Campbell, member of the Conservation Commission, do
(Printed Name of Certifying Officer) (Office) (Grantee)
hereby certify that:

(l) I am the duly elected member;
(Office)

(2) at the meeting held on Jan 7 2013, the Conservation Commission voted to accept
(Date) (Organization)
DES funds and to enter into a contract with the Department of Environmental Services;

(3) the Conservation Commission further authorized the CHAIRPERSON to execute any
(Organization) (Office of Person Authorized to Sign)
documents which may be necessary for this contract;

(4) this authorization has not been revoked, annulled, or amended in any manner whatsoever, and remains in full force and effect as of the date hereof; and

(5) the following person has been appointed to and now occupies the office indicated in (3) above:

Kathryn Buzard
(Printed name of person that signed contract)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the member of
(Office of Certifying Officer)
the Conservation Commission this 7 day of January.
(Organization)

Evelyn B. Campbell
(Signature of Certifying Officer)

STATE OF New Hampshire

County of Strafford

On this the 7th day of January 2013, before me Deborah L. OToole
(Notary Public)
the undersigned officer, personally appeared Evelyn B. Campbell who acknowledged
(Printed Name of Certifying Officer)
him/herself to be the Member of the Organization being authorized so to do,
(Office)
executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and official seal.

Deborah L. Otoole
(Notary Public Signature)

DEBORAH L. OTOOLE, Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 22, 2017

Commission Expiration Date:
(Seal)

Attachment A
Budget Estimates

Herbicide Treatment

Item/Service	Cost
Permitting	$1,250.00
Treatment (labor, herbicide & posting)	$10,755.00
Biological Surveys/Reporting	$700.00
Water Sampling	$1,035.00
Total	$13,740.00[1]

[1]DES will pay up to 40% of the total herbicide treatment cost (which equates to $5,496.00)

Diving/Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting

Item/Service	Cost
Diver removal services	$4,050.00
Total	$4,050.00[2]

[2]DES will pay up to 40% of the total diver cost (which equates to $1,620.00)

ATTACHMENT B
2013 PROJECTS WITH GRANTS (TABLE 1) AND REVIEWER INFORMATION (TABLE 2)

Table 1: 2013 Projects Receiving 40% Cost Match

2013 Requests for Grant Funds

LAKE NAME	AKA	TOWN	Total Grant Award
Balch Lake		Wakefield	$8,508.00
Cobbetts Pond		Windham	$6,350.00
Contoocook Lake	Jowders Cove Area	Jaffrey	$5,040.00
Danforth Ponds		Freedom	$10,430.00
Flints Pond		Hollis	$7,500.00
Forest Lake		Winchester	$4,598.00
Franklin Falls	Pemi River	Sanbornton	$5,994.00
Gorham Pond		Dunbarton	$4,860.00
Hopkinton/Drew Lakes		Hopkinton	$6,314.00
Horseshoe Pond		Merrimack	$8,574.00
Jones Pond	Merrymeeting River		$4,738.00
Lees Pond		Moultonborough	$4,400.00
Long Pond		Danville	$5,600.00
Masssasecum		Bradford	$3,360.00
Melendy/Potanipo		Brookline	$11,374.00
Monomomonac		Rindge	$3,380.00
Namaske Lake	Piscataquog River	Goffstown/Manch	$10,434.00
Naticook Lake		Merrimack	$11,745.00
Northwood Lake		Northwood	$4,609.00
Opechee		Laconia	$6,690.00
Ossipee	Various locations	Ossipee/Freedom	$14,064.00
Otter Lake		Greenfield	$12,525.00
Otternic Pond/Robinson Pond		Hudson	$17,800.00
Pearly Pond		Rindge	$3,980.00
Post Pond		Lyme	$10,010.00
Powwow Pond		Kingston	$6,500.00
Rocky Pond		Gilmanton	$4,121.00
Scobie Pond		Francestown	$7,430.00
Squam Lake		Holderness	$12,274.00
Sunrise Lake		Middleton	$7,116.00
Winnipesaukee	Alton Areas	Alton	$13,224.00
Winnipesaukee	Christmas Island	Laconia	$6,770.00
Winnipesaukee	Front/Back Bay	Wolfeboro	$8,200.00
Winnipesaukee	Meredith Areas	Meredith	$11,558.00
Winnipesaukee	Mtn View Yacht Club	Gilford	$3,314.00
Winnipesaukee	Isolated Tuftonboro Areas	Tuftonboro	$14,079.00
Winnipesaukee	Moultonborough Areas	Moultonborough	$36,976.00
Winnipesaukee	Pickerel Cove	Laconia	$4,834.00
Winnipesaukee	Smith Cove/Glendale Cove	Glendale/Gilford	$7,200.00
Winnisquam	SunRay Shores	Laconia/Belmont	$3,340.00

Table 2: Grant reviewer

Name	Title	Agency
Amy Smagula	Exotic Species Coordinator	Amy has 15 years of experience with projects dealing with exotic aquatic plant control.