

HB 624-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

624-FN-A

AN ACT establishing a local river management advisory committee grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Turer, Rock. 6; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a local river management advisory committee grant program and makes an appropriation therefor.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Local River Management Advisory Committee Grants. Amend RSA 483 by
2 inserting after section 8-a the following new section:

3 483:8-b Local River Management Advisory Committee Grants. There is hereby established a
4 grant program, to be administered by the department of environmental services, for the allocation of
5 funds to local river management advisory committees established under RSA 483:8-a. Funding
6 requests made under this section may be submitted to the department of environmental services by
7 any established local river management advisory committee, detailing resources needed to fulfill its
8 duties as described in RSA 483:8-a. Funding requests may not exceed \$10,000 for any local river
9 management advisory committee in any year. The commissioner of the department of
10 environmental services shall disburse the funding to local river management advisory committees
11 with demonstrated need to implement the duties described in RSA 483:8-a, III on a first come, first-
12 served basis.

13 2 Appropriation; Local River Management Advisory Committee Grants. The sum of \$40,000 for
14 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby
15 appropriated to the department of environmental services for the distribution of local river
16 management advisory committee grants established in RSA 483:8-b. The governor is authorized to
17 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

HB 624-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2025-0368h)

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a local river management advisory committee grant program and makes an appropriation of \$40,000 in FY 2026 and \$40,000 in FY 2027.

The Department of Environmental Services indicates administration of the grant program and associated funds will require minimal staff support from existing staff. The Department assumes the grant funds included in the bill are intended to be 100% pass through and not to be utilized for administrative purposes. However, the Department acknowledges some staff time will be required to administer the program, but that the addition work can be absorbed by existing staff.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Environmental Services