

HB 624-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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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

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ANALYSIS

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

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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*

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

*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 adopt rules under RSA 541-A, relative to grant application and  
11 distribution procedures.

12            2 Appropriation; Local River Management Advisory Committee Grants. The sum of \$40,000 for  
13 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby  
14 appropriated to the department of environmental services for the distribution of local river  
15 management advisory committee grants established in RSA 483:8-b. The governor is authorized to  
16 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

17            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 624-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide full funding**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$49,000	\$50,500	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Funds			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$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 grant program under RSA 483:8-b, administered by the Department of Environmental Services (DES), to provide funding to Local River Management Advisory Committees (LRMACs) as established under RSA 483:8-a. Each LRMAC may request up to \$10,000 annually to support their activities. The bill appropriates \$40,000 for FY 2026 and \$40,000 for FY 2027 from the General Fund to DES for grant distribution. The DES Commissioner is required to adopt administrative rules for grant application and distribution procedures under RSA 541-A.

The Department of Environmental Services states they will need to adopt administrative rules for managing the grant program. The \$40,000 annual grant appropriation is assumed to be fully distributed to LRMACs and not used for administrative purposes. However, no funding is provided for DES administrative costs. It is estimated that administrative costs will amount to \$9,000 for FY 2026 and \$10,500 for FY 2027. These costs would need to be absorbed by existing DES resources or require additional funding. The grant program is assumed to end after FY 2027 unless further legislative action extends funding.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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