



CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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RESOLUTION #06-13

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has historically supported municipal wastewater, public drinking water and landfill closure projects through the State Aid Grant program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and

WHEREAS, the public derives significant benefits from municipal infrastructure systems including improved public health, public safety, environmental protection and also monetary benefits to our state and local economies from local growth, recreation and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin participates in the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program and recognizes the importance of environmental quality advanced by projects supported by the State Aid Grant program finding it necessary for a healthy and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RSA 486 and RSA 485-A the State Legislature has expressly authorized a grant program for municipalities to receive from 20% to 30% of assistance toward principal and interest payments on eligible infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, local government officials and citizens faithfully relied on the State's commitment to this funding partnership that was created by the Legislature to make these environmental infrastructure investments more affordable at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature since October, 2008 has deferred all state appropriations to the State Aid Grant program resulting in 124 eligible municipal projects, constructed in reliance of grant funding, but not receiving any funding in state fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the backlog of eligible municipal projects includes 100 wastewater projects totaling more than \$46 million, 17 public water supply projects totaling more than \$7.5 million, and 7 landfill projects totaling more than \$800,000 in grant requests; and

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WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Municipal Association has adopted a Legislative Policy position to support future legislative that requests the state fulfill its existing statutory obligations to municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Franklin hereby respectfully requests the city's representatives, state senator, other members of the county delegation and governor support legislative that will be filed in the 2013 legislative session and which will authorize fully restored funding to the State Aid Grant program's eligible deferred projects and continue to advance legislative efforts that will provide over the long term a funding mechanism to support these infrastructure projects critical to maintaining the quality of life in our state.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Sharon	_____
Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

A True Copy Attested: _____
City Clerk

Passed: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor