MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: April 20, 2015
Subject: Grant Request #2756

Enclosed please find one (1) item that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

**JFO #2756** – $995,804 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Vermont Department of Public Safety. These funds will be used for hazard mitigation projects to mitigate future problems identified during the December 2013 ice storm affecting parts of Vermont. Towns are currently in the application process for sub-grants.

[JFO received 4/14/15]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by May 4, 2015 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor’s acceptance of these requests.
**Grant Summary:** Pass-thru financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for hazard mitigation projects to mitigate future problems identified during December 2013 ice storm. Towns are in the application process.

**Date:** 4/2/2015

**Department:** Department of Public Safety - Vermont Emergency Management (VEM)

**Legal Title of Grant:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA-4163-DR-VT

**Federal Catalog #:** 97.039

**Grant/Donor Name and Address:** U.S. Dept of Homeland Security/FEMA Region I, Boston, Mass.

**Grant Period:** From: 3/21/2014 To: 3/21/2019

**Grant/Donation Amount:** $995,804

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**Additional Comments:** Per FEMA regulations, HMGP management costs are covered at a rate of 4.89% of the HMGP ceiling amount.
STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE  (Form AA-1)

1. Agency: 
2. Department: Public Safety
3. Program: Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
4. Legal Title of Grant: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
5. Federal Catalog #: 97.039
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security/FEMA Region I
   99 High St, Sixth Floor
   Boston, MA 02110-2132
8. Purpose of Grant: The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides States and local governments financial assistance to implement measures that will permanently reduce or eliminate future damages and losses from natural hazards through safer building practices and improving existing structures and supporting infrastructure.
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: The severe storm that occurred December 20-26, 2013 resulted in Vermont cities and towns suffering an ice storm. The President declared this a federal disaster (#4163) and made federal aid available to mitigate future reoccurring problems. The State of VT has received a Final "lock-in" to receive $995,804 for hazard mitigation projects.

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| Appropriation No: | 2140030000 | Amount: | $995,804 |

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Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage?  ☐ Yes  ☒ No

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts?  ☐ Yes  ☒ No
   If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

   Appointing Authority Name: 
   Agreed by: ___________________________ (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:

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Total Positions

12a. Equipment and space for these positions:

   ☐ Is presently available.  ☐ Can be obtained with available funds.

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):

Signature: ___________________________  Date: 3/4/15

Title: Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner

Title: ___________________________  Date: 

Secretary of Administration Approved:  

(Secretary or designee signature)  

Date: 4/3/15

Action by Governor

☑ Accepted  4/3/15

Rejected  

Date: 

Required GRANT Documentation

☐ Request Memo  ☐ Notice of Donation (if any)
☐ Dept. project approval (if applicable)  ☐ Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)
☐ Notice of Award  ☐ Request for Extension (if applicable)
☐ Grant Agreement  ☐ Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
☐ Grant Budget
March 31, 2015

To: David Beatty, Finance & Management Budget Analyst

From: Karen Mae Smith, Grants Management Specialist

Re: AA-1 for Federal Grant Award FEMA-4163-DR-VT

I have prepared the AA-1 grant acceptance form for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Disaster #4163. This grant fund will be made available to implement mitigation projects. The Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Recovery and Mitigation Unit have received the 12-month lock-in letter. We have submitted applicants to FEMA for review and plan on applying for State Management Cost. I have attached the letter for your review.

In the preparation of this AA-1 we have received 4 approved awards from FEMA (attached).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Karen Mae

Cc: Rick Hallenbeck, Assistant Director of Administration/Finance
March 10, 2015

Joe Flynn, Director
Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671

Re: Section 324 Management Costs Final (12-Month) Lock-ins and HMGP Final Lock-in Ceiling, FEMA-4163-DR-VT

Dear Director Flynn:

Under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, as amended, 75% Federal funding is authorized for hazard mitigation measures. As a condition of receiving Federal disaster assistance, measures must be cost-effective, environmentally acceptable and be consistent with the strategies and recommendations identified in your State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Funding for mitigation projects under the HMGP is based on 15% of the estimated aggregate amount of grants made under the Stafford Act. The 12-month final lock-in of $949,379 in Federal funding is available for the HMGP under FEMA-4163-DR-VT. A breakdown of funding is listed below:

- 5% PROJECTS: $47,469
- 7% PROJECTS: $66,457
- REGULAR PROJECTS: $835,453
- 12-MONTH LOCK-IN: $949,379
- STATE MANAGEMENT COST PROJECTS: $46,412

This calculation is based on the 12-month estimate as reported by the authorized disaster assistance programs. This is the final 12-month lock-in for FEMA-4163-DR-VT. Final applications or amendments for new mitigation projects must be submitted to the FEMA Region I Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch by March 14, 2015. Please forward a SF-424 to cover the funding request. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Verville, FEMA Region I Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief, at (617) 956-7524.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dean J. Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region I

cc: Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT DEMHS
 Dan McElhinney, Grants Division Director, FEMA Region I
 Lynn Wright, Grants Management Branch Chief, FEMA Region I
February 24, 2015

Joe Flynn, Director
Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671

Re: FEMA-4163-DR-VT
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project # 2-P
Single Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Albany, VT

Dear Director Flynn:

Enclosed please find the obligation reports for the following HMGP subgrant:

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The grant period of performance (POP) for FEMA-4163-DR-VT began on January 29, 2014 and ends on March 14, 2018. POP extension requests must be received by FEMA at least 60 days prior to the grant POP termination date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Stephen Juszczyk with the FEMA Region I Mitigation Division at (617) 956-7626.

Sincerely,

Dean J. Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region I

cc: Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT:DEMHS

Enclosures
February 24, 2015

Joe Flynn, Director
Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671

Re: FEMA-4163-DR-VT
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project # 3-P
Single Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, United Towns and Gores (UTG) of Essex County, VT

Dear Director Flynn:

Enclosed please find the obligation reports for the following HMGP subgrant:

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Total: $12,864

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Sincerely,

Dean J. Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region I

cc: Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT DEMHS

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February 24, 2015

Joe Flynn, Director
Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671

Re: FEMA-4163-DR-VT
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project # 4-P
Single Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Walden, VT

Dear Director Flynn:

Enclosed please find the obligation reports for the following HMGP subgrant:

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Total: $10,303

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Sincerely,

Dean J. Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region I

cc: Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT DEMHS

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February 26, 2015

Joe Flynn, Director
Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671

Re: FEMA-4163-DR-VT
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project # 5-P
Single Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Waterbury, VT

Dear Director Flynn:

Enclosed please find the obligation reports for the following HMGP subgrant:

4163-5-P  Town of Waterbury, Vermont
Single Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan  $15,000

Total:  $15,000

The grant period of performance (POP) for FEMA-4163-DR-VT began on January 29, 2014 and ends on March 14, 2018. POP extension requests must be received by FEMA at least 60 days prior to the grant POP termination date.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dean J. Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region I

cc: Ray Doherty, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT DEMHS

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