



Proposed Budget  
Meredith

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024  
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**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**2024**  
**MS-636**

**Proposed Budget**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
4130	Executive	04	\$233,248	\$243,703	\$243,612	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$150,767	\$151,409	\$164,442	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	04	\$436,206	\$439,423	\$389,895	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	04	\$245,164	\$250,753	\$273,198	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$72,730	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	04	\$2,884,693	\$3,048,649	\$3,170,485	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	04	\$424,803	\$413,334	\$375,601	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$316,650	\$358,194	\$336,962	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$64,584	\$68,737	\$68,990	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated		\$317,379	\$317,914	\$0	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	04	\$245,363	\$246,863	\$249,332	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	04	\$1,280,580	\$1,381,361	\$1,946,081	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,672,167</b>	<b>\$6,970,340</b>	<b>\$7,293,598</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210	Police	04	\$1,678,280	\$1,696,156	\$1,732,165	\$0
4215	Ambulances	04	\$339,678	\$351,294	\$366,616	\$0
4220	Fire	04	\$497,264	\$503,796	\$556,045	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	04	\$101,146	\$101,146	\$114,817	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,616,368</b>	<b>\$2,652,392</b>	<b>\$2,769,643</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Highway Administration	04	\$1,111,101	\$1,142,465	\$1,103,154	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$1,625,104	\$1,647,697	\$1,740,900	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$49,234	\$53,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,785,439</b>	<b>\$2,843,162</b>	<b>\$2,844,054</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**Sanitation**

4321	Sanitation Administration	04	\$285,158	\$316,645	\$291,265	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$52,623	\$82,075	\$89,300	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$507,116	\$460,950	\$454,850	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$844,897</b>	<b>\$859,670</b>	<b>\$835,415</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Water Distribution and Treatment**

4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Electric**

4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Health**

4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Welfare**

4441	Welfare Administration	04	\$50,134	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$50,134</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Culture and Recreation**

4520	Parks and Recreation	04	\$863,084	\$888,899	\$963,446	\$0
4550	Library	04	\$612,338	\$616,681	\$618,327	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,475,422</b>	<b>\$1,505,580</b>	<b>\$1,581,773</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**Conservation and Development**

4611	Conservation Administration	04	\$26,960	\$31,900	\$33,000	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$26,960</b>	<b>\$31,900</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Debt Service**

4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$906,500	\$906,500	\$910,000	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$390,080	\$398,080	\$347,525	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	04	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,296,580</b>	<b>\$1,314,580</b>	<b>\$1,267,525</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Capital Outlay**

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Operating Transfers Out**

4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	04	\$1,129,087	\$1,141,215	\$1,274,891	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	04	\$705,725	\$708,041	\$745,975	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,834,812</b>	<b>\$1,854,256</b>	<b>\$2,020,866</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total Operating Budget Appropriations**

**\$18,695,874**

**\$0**



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Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4338	Water Conservation	03	\$100,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$1,346,964	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> NH 25/Laker Lane Intersection Improvements (CMAQ)			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	07	\$320,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08	\$320,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	09	\$100,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement ETF			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	11	\$100,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Establish a Lake Waukewan Water Quality Protection			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$2,286,964</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4155	Personnel Administration	06	\$288,896	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fulltime Firefighters and Parttime Admin Position</i>			
4155	Personnel Administration	05	\$36,025	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$7,037	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$1,664	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4220	Fire	06	\$291,104	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fulltime Firefighters and Parttime Admin Position</i>			
4311	Highway Administration	05	\$24,540	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4321	Sanitation Administration	05	\$7,878	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	05	\$2,513	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	05	\$2,513	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Unit</i>			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$662,170	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	04	\$30,361	\$30,000	\$30,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	\$118,958	\$136,955	\$135,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	04	\$54,424	\$53,500	\$60,000
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$80,003	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$283,746</b>	<b>\$295,455</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$2,059,047	\$1,925,000	\$2,000,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$100,181	\$62,000	\$85,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$85,260	\$110,000	\$62,000
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,260,488</b>	<b>\$2,112,000</b>	<b>\$2,162,000</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$630,972	\$630,972	\$630,980
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$215,765	\$215,765	\$215,765
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$122	\$122	\$122
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	04	\$2,708	\$2,708	\$2,700
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	10, 03	\$0	\$0	\$1,177,571
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$849,567</b>	<b>\$849,567</b>	<b>\$2,027,138</b>



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**Charges for Services**

3401	Income from Departments	04	\$833,216	\$800,000	\$875,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$833,216</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$875,000</b>

**Miscellaneous Revenues**

3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$3,443	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$157,703	\$150,000	\$150,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	04	\$75,620	\$75,000	\$85,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$236,766</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$235,000</b>

**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	04	\$1,212,629	\$1,141,215	\$1,274,891
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	04	\$578,082	\$708,041	\$745,975
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,790,711</b>	<b>\$1,849,256</b>	<b>\$2,020,866</b>

**Other Financing Sources**

3934	Proceeds from LT Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	10, 11	\$105,000	\$0	\$369,393
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$385,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$490,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$369,393</b>

<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>	<b>\$6,744,494</b>	<b>\$6,131,278</b>	<b>\$7,989,397</b>
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**Proposed Budget**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2024</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$18,695,874
Special Warrant Articles	\$2,286,964
Individual Warrant Articles	\$662,170
Total Appropriations	\$21,645,008
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$7,989,397
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$13,655,611</b>