



Carroll County Budget Request: Impact Statement

UNH Cooperative Extension is seeking **\$288,786** to continue to implement programs to meet essential family, community, agricultural and natural resource needs in Carroll County. This request has been vetted and supported by the Carroll County Extension Advisory Council.

In 2019 321 volunteers who contributed 9708 hours of service in Carroll County working with youth and families, monitoring water quality and natural resources, educating the public and supporting local agriculture. These efforts are valued at \$250,000.

County Highlights:

- County Extension Field Specialist, Claes Thelemarck held online training classes for afterschool professionals in Conway and Ossipee to help them transition to remote programming due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- County Extension Teacher, Joy Gagnon and our Nutrition Connections Staff created an online Food Access Map to help residents find free or low-cost food during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- County Extension Field Specialist, Olivia Saunders spearheaded a weekly NH Farmers Open Forum for farmers to call in and ask questions about adapting their farming and retail practices to Covid-19.
- County 4-H Program Manager, Amanda Royce, helped to develop 4-H Unplugged, a summer program series to get families outside doing active programming. Activities included hiking, birding, camping, and photography.
- County Extension Field Specialist, Ann Hamilton helped farmers understand regulations and food sanitation practices to meet the Food Safety Modernization Act.
- County Extension Field Specialist, Wendy Scribner gave technical assistance to nearly 100 landowners on their forestlands, offering land management recommendations on 3000 acres of land in Carroll County.

Contributions from State Staff:

- In 2019, for every \$1.00 Carroll County contributed, UNH provided \$1.67 of statewide resources back to the county.
- State Community & Economic Development staff Sue Cagle and Jared Reynolds, facilitated a community First Impressions program to help assess community assets in Moultonborough and identify opportunities for improvement.
- UNH Cooperative Extensions Food and Ag staff creates a Farm products map to help connect farmers and consumers.
- 48 additional Extension staff provided technical support to farms, restaurants and businesses and educational programs for the public in Carroll County.