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June 4, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice to pay Fiscal Year 2014 dues to the National Criminal Justice Association in the amount of \$4,002. This request covers the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Funding: 90% Federal/10% General.

Funding for this request is available in account #02-20-20-201510-1983, entitled "Grants Administration" as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>SFY '14 *</u>
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$4,002

* Contingent upon the passing of the FY 14/15 Biennial Budget

EXPLANATION

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) was founded in 1971 to promote the development of justice systems that "enhance public safety; prevent and reduce the harmful effects of criminal and delinquent behavior on victims, individuals, and communities; adjudicate defendants and sanction offenders fairly and justly; and that are effective and efficient" (from the NCJA Mission Statement). Based in Washington, D.C., the NCJA represents state governments on crime prevention and crime control issues and is a national voice in shaping and implementing criminal justice policy. Its members represent all facets of the criminal and juvenile justice community. In addition to its efforts to educate lawmakers about the effect of policy and budgetary decisions, the NCJA provides training for grant administrators; informs agencies about grants and legislative actions of concern to the criminal justice systems; and provides monthly publications and other materials on Congressional and federal activities.

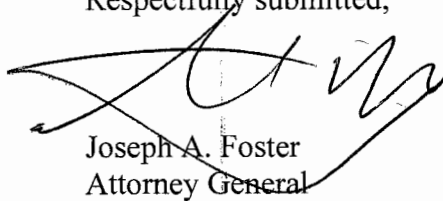
A separate attachment is being provided to answer the standard questions required for organizational dues and memberships.

The NCJA is an important resource for the Department of Justice in its efforts to bring in federal grants for the State of New Hampshire.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Standard questions required for Governor and Council for organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?*

The organization has been in existence since 1971. The agency has been a member since 1985.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?*

The DOJ does not belong to another a similar organization.

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?*

This organization is made up of all 50 States. The Department of Justice is the sole NH state agency belonging to this organization.

4. *How is the dues structure established?*

The NCJA dues are based on state population with states being divided into "tiers." The increase in the rates is based on the CPI Index.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?*

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6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included.*

Yes, some of the items included are as follows:

- 48 electronic issues of Justice Bulletin
- Minimum of 51 electronic Info Letters concerning congressional and federal activities
- Minimum of 24 electronic Short-Takes listing funding opportunities
- Access to the NCJA Washington, DC staff and offices
- Access to the NCJA members' only web page
- Peer networking at national and regional meetings
- Advocacy for the needs and priorities of state, tribal and local criminal justice in Washington, DC
- Access to technical assistance and training for state administering agencies

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?*

This membership is not a requirement to receive federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams.

8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.*

There is no travel included with this membership fee.

9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members and or officers of the organization).*

Rosemary Faretra, Director of Administration, voting member, committee member
Timothy Brackett, Supervisor of the Grants Unit, committee member

All four members of the grants unit have direct access to the information received on behalf of NCJA as well as the Attorney General.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.*

- The DOJ will not have access to new grants and grant information.
- The State will not have an advocate (voice) in Washington, DC for the needs of the state.
- The State will not be able to access the technical assistance that is available.
- The ability to receive national information on a regular basis will be gone.
- Access to Washington, DC staff will be limited or nonexistent.



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FISCAL YEAR 2013 – 2014

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- Access to Connect2Justice, our interactive members-only community;
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