

**ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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October 15, 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 enter into sub grants, with the entities listed below, for the total amount of \$31,645.02 from the FFY 2012 John R. Justice Grant Program which provides funding to assist Prosecutors and Public Defenders with education loans. These sub grants represent the payment of student loan debt incurred by prosecutors and public defenders to eligible loan institutions from the period of Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2013. This is 100% federal funding.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573, Department of Justice, Grants Management, entitled "FFY10 JRJ" as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NLS Holding (Nelnet)	172988R001	\$3,775.26
Granite State Management & Resources	156216B001	\$13,305.67
ACS Education Services, Inc.	176209B001	\$4,015.75
US Dept. of Education	177767B001	\$9,289.92
Sallie Mae	175800R002	\$1,258.42
Total:		\$31,645.02

EXPLANATION

Through this action, we are seeking authorization to award funding from the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 John R. Justice Grant Program to the loan making institutions of eligible prosecutors and public defenders. This federal program requires that loan payments be made directly to the applicant attorneys'

eligible loan institution. The purpose of the program is to help public sector attorneys manage loan debt with the goal of helping retain qualified attorneys in the public sector. As a condition of this grant program, applicants are required to sign a contract with the US Department of Justice agreeing to remain in public service for a period of three years.

The John R. Justice program requires that funding be split equally between the prosecution and public defender functions and even if one category does not use all of the available funds, it cannot be shifted to the other. Funding is being awarded to a total of 6 prosecutors and 6 public defenders, with each category being allocated 50% of the available funding as required by the federal program.

This program also requires that an individual attorney may not receive more than \$10,000 per calendar year. Several of the awarded attorneys were recipients of funding from a previous award, approved by Governor and Council earlier in calendar year 2013, thus those attorneys are not eligible for a full award for this current round of funding but will receive amounts within the \$10,000 annual limit. This program also requires that awards be dispersed regionally. To ensure that dispersal took place, awards were based on only one award being issued per county.

These award amounts reflect the fact that, in some cases, multiple attorneys share the same loan institutions, thus we are showing the aggregate amount being issued to the loan institution in this request. The list of the specific allocations per attorney and per category is attached.

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

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Foster', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Foster
Attorney General

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Attorney Award Recipients

Prosecutors:

Atty. Sarah Blodgett	State of NH Department of Justice	\$4,015.75
Atty. Stephen Murray	Coos County Attorney's Office	\$4,015.75
Atty. Aliza Anvari	Littleton Police Department	\$4,015.75
Atty. Nicole Thorspecken	Hillsborough County Attorney	\$4,015.75
Atty. Kristin Vartanian	Merrimack County Attorney's Office	\$1,258.42*
Atty. Jill Cook	Merrimack County Attorney's Office	\$4,015.75

Public Defenders:

Atty. Ashley Sheehan	NH Public Defenders Office	\$1,258.42*
Atty. Allison Schwartz	NH Public Defenders Office	\$4,015.75
Atty. Abigail Albee	NH Public Defenders Office	\$1,258.42*
Atty. Hanna Kinne	NH Public Defenders Office	\$1,258.42*
Atty. Cynthia Robinson	NH Public Defenders Office	\$1,258.42*
Atty. Daniel Swegart	NH Public Defenders Office	\$1,258.42*

*Previous award recipient

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: NelNet		Vendor No.: 172988R001
Program Name: John R. Justice Student Loan Program		Amount: \$ 3,775.26
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2012JR05	
Grant End Date: 12/31/13	Federal Grant Number: 2012-RJ-BX-0054	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	United States Department of Justice	
Federal Agency:	Office of Justice Programs	
Bureau/Office:	16.816	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:		
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Annual performance report and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name		Rosemary Faretra
Title		Director of Administration
Date		
All terms of this grant award are not valid unless signed by both authorized parties.		

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: GSM&R		Vendor No.: 156216B001
Program Name: John R. Justice Student Loan Program		Amount: \$ 13,305.67
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2012JR02	
Grant End Date: 12/31/13	Federal Grant Number: 2012-RJ-BX-0054	
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	United States Department of Justice	
Federal Agency:	Office of Justice Programs	
Bureau/Office:	16.816	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:		
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Annual performance report and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name		Rosemary Faretra
Title		Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: ACS		Vendor No.: 176209B001
Program Name: John R. Justice Student Loan Program		Amount: \$ 4,015.75
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2012JR01	
Grant End Date: 12/31/13	Federal Grant Number: 2012-RJ-BX-0054	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name: Federal Agency: Bureau/Office: CFDA Number:	United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs 16.816	
Purpose of Grant:		
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Annual performance report and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name		Rosemary Faretra
Title		Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: DOE		Vendor No.: 177767B001
Program Name: John R. Justice Student Loan Program		Amount: \$ 9,289.92
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2012JR03	
Grant End Date: 12/31/13	Federal Grant Number: 2012-RJ-BX-0054	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	United States Department of Justice	
Federal Agency:	Office of Justice Programs	
Bureau/Office:	16.816	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:		
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Annual performance report and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Approval Name	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Title		Rosemary Faretra
Date		Director of Administration
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Sallie Mae

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: Sallie Mae		Vendor No.: 175800R002
Program Name: John R. Justice Student Loan Program		Amount: \$ 1,258.42
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2012JR05	
Grant End Date: 12/31/13	Federal Grant Number: 2012-RJ-BX-0054	
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-5998-072-500573	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	United States Department of Justice	
Federal Agency:	Office of Justice Programs	
Bureau/Office:	16.816	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:		
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Annual performance report and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
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Title		Director of Administration
Date		
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