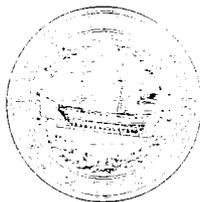


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June 30, 2015

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Justice to **retroactively** amend Fiscal item #14-177, approved on November 10, 2014 and by Governor and Executive Council on November 12, 2014, item #57 by extending the current end date from June 30, 2015 to a new end date of December 31, 2015. The purpose of this award from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$449,443.00 is to provide no-cost civil legal assistance and advocacy to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings and to support continuing supervised visitation and exchange services, for the period effective upon the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approvals through December 31, 2015. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are budgeted in 02-20-20-201510-59110000, Department of Justice, Grant Administration, titled FY 2014 JFF Grant.

2. Contingent on the approval of #1, authorize the Department of Justice to **retroactively** extend the end date of the sub-grants listed below from June 30, 2015 to a new end date of September 30, 2016 to allow the programs to continue to offer legal and supervised visitation services for victims of domestic violence, and sexual assault through December 31, 2015, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. 100% Federal Funds.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
072-500575	NH Legal Assistance	154648-B001	\$116,918.00
072-500575	NH Bar Association	154546-B001	\$ 77,104.00
072-500576	Merrimack County Visitation Ctr.	177435-B003	\$ 78,721.00
072-500575	YWCA of Manchester	154141-B001	\$ 83,219.00

EXPLANATION

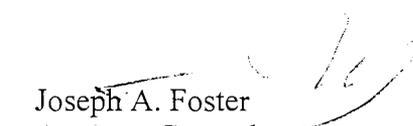
This request is retroactive because the beginning date July 1, 2015 associated with this request is in the new biennium. It is the policy of the Fiscal Committee to act only on items within the current biennium and this is the first meeting in the new biennium. This grant was not budgeted because it is considered a discretionary grant and will not likely be awarded in subsequent years.

The federal grant program's dual purpose is to provide legal services to victims of domestic violence and to fund supervised visitation and safe exchange centers. The new JFF program combines two former federal grant programs sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women, the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitations and Safe Exchange grant program and the Court Training and Improvement grant program. In January 2014, the NH Department of Justice submitted a twofold federal application which dedicated funding to pro bono civil legal assistance and advocacy as well as funding to three supervised visitation and safe exchange centers providing visitation services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and child abuse.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these programs.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,


 Joseph A. Foster
 Attorney General

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: NH Legal Assistance	Vendor No.: 154648-B001	
Program Name: Pro Bono Legal Services	Amount: \$ 116,918.00	
Grant Start Date: 10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF001	
Grant End Date: 09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5911-072-500575		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Lynne M. Parker, Esq. Executive Director 117 North State St. Concord, NH 03301 603-206-2226	Mary Krueger, Esq. DV Program Director 24 Opera House Sq. Claremont, NH 03743 603-542-8795 x260	Robin McCallum Financial Officer 117 North State Street Concord, NH 03301 603-206-2218
Federal Grant Name:	Justice for Families	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Expand civil legal services to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings.	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
Program income Requirements:		
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	Lynne M. Parker, Esq.	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Executive Director	Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: NH Pro Bono Program	Vendor No.: 154546-B001	
Program Name: Pro Bono Referral Program	Amount: \$ 77,104.00	
Grant Start Date: 10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF002	
Grant End Date: 09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5911-072-500575		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	Justice for Families	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Expand civil legal services to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings.	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
Program income Requirements:		
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	Virginia A. Martin	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Director	Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name:	Merrimack County Visitation Ctr	Vendor No.: 177435-B003
Program Name:	Supervised Visitation & Exchange	Amount: \$ 78,721.00
Grant Start Date:	10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF003
Grant End Date:	09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-5911-072-500576	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Peter Spaulding Chairman 333 Daniel Webster Hwy., Suite Boscawen, NH 03303 796-6800	Stephen Marro County Administrator 333 Daniel Webster Hwy., Sui Boscawen, NH 03303 796-6800	Michael Rivard Merrimack County Commissioners 333 Daniel Webster Highway, Suite 2 Boscawen, NH 03303 p-796-6800
Federal Grant Name:	Justice for Families	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
Program income Requirements:		
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	Peter Spaulding	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Chairman	Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: YWCA of New Hampshire	Vendor No.: 154141-B001	
Program Name: Supervised Visitation & Exchange	Amount: \$ 83,219.00	
Grant Start Date: 10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF004	
Grant End Date: 09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-5911-072-500575		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	Justice for Families	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Supervised Visitation and Exchange services	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
Program income Requirements:		
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	Linette Handschumaker	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Chair, Board of Directors	Director of Administration
Date		
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October 10, 2014

Retroactive

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Justice to retroactively accept and expend a new grant award from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$449,443 for the purpose of no-cost civil legal assistance and advocacy to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings and to assist in continuing supervised visitation and exchange services, from the period of October 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, effective with the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council approvals. 100 % Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in 02-20-20-201510-59110000, Department of Justice, Grant Administration, entitled "FY 2014 JFF Grant" as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
040-500800	Indirect costs	\$ 1,106
041-55801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 399
072-500575	Grants	\$447,938

<u>Source of Funds</u>		
000-400338	Federal funds	\$449,443

2. Authorize the Department of Justice to retroactively enter into sub grants with the agencies listed below in the amount of \$355,962, from the FY 2014 JFF to support their activities in the coordination of providing support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking from the period of October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-201510-5911, Department of Justice entitled "FY 2014 JFF Grant", as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
072-500575	NH Legal Assistance	154648-B001	\$116,918
072-500575	NH Bar Association	154546-B001	\$ 77,104
072-500575	YWCA of Manchester	154141-B001	\$ 83,219
072-500576	Merrimack County Visitation Ctr.	177435-B003	\$ 78,721

EXPLANATION

The Department of Justice requests authorization to accept and expend this discretionary grant awarded entitled "Justice for Families" (JFF) from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. These funds were not previously budgeted because the grant was awarded on a competitive basis with no guarantee that New Hampshire would receive an award.

This is a retroactive request as this discretionary grant award was not received until September 23, 2014, and this was the first opportunity to bring it forward for acceptance. The October 1, 2014, start date is requested as several recipients of these funds are current recipients of other grant funding that expired on September 30, 2014. We are making this request in order to ensure that the vital services those organizations provide remains available to those in need. Absent this retroactive approval, these organizations would need to move funding from other activities to fill this gap, thus reducing their overall ability to provide services and not making full use of these federal funds.

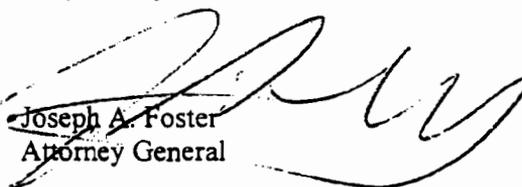
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Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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Agency Name: NH Legal Assistance		Vendor No.: 154648-B001
Program Name: Pro Bono Legal Services		Amount: \$ 116,918.00
Grant Start Date: 10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF001	
Grant End Date: 09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017	
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Federal Grant Name:	Justice for Families	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Expand civil legal services to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings.	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
Program income Requirements:		
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports. Required Performance reports and audit. Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines. Completion of Monitoring forms and processes.	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	Lynne M. Parker, Esq.	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Executive Director	Director of Administration
Date		
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Agency Name:	NH Pro Bono Program	Vendor No.: 154546-B001
Program Name:	Pro Bono Referral Program	Amount: \$ 77,104.00
Grant Start Date:	10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF002
Grant End Date:	09/30/2016	Federal Grant Number: 2014-FJ-AX-0017
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Program Name: Supervised Visitation & Exchange		Amount: \$ 78,721.00
Grant Start Date: 10/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2014JFF003	
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Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.021	
Purpose of Grant:	Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None	
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Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
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