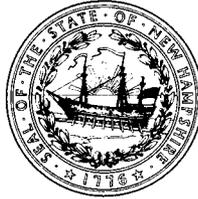


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November 14, 2014

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 subgrants for a total amount of \$55,000, from the FFY 2011 Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purpose of combating gang and gun crime from the period of Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2015. This funding is 100% Federal Funding.

Funds are available in account #02-20-20-201510-4469-072-500574, Job #20PSN11A, Department of Justice, 11 PSN, Grants to Local Government – Federal.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Manchester Police Department	177433-B012	\$50,000
Berlin Police Department	177362-B007	\$ 5,000

EXPLANATION

The approval of the above request will allow the Manchester Police Department to work with a task force to combat the alarming rise in gang activity and gun violence in the city. In 2014, gang-related gun crime increased by 75% when compared to the average of the previous three years. In 2012, there were a total of 89 gun crimes, and in 2013 the number rose dramatically to 164. Through August 2014 there are already 111 gun crimes, and 21 verified gang incidents, up from only 5 in 2012. To reduce these numbers the Manchester Police Department has convened the Urban Violence Working Group, modeled after Boston's Operation Ceasefire, which was highly effective in reducing youth homicides, gun assaults and shots-fired calls for service. They will be working with probation/parole and youth probation/parole as well as targeting and patrolling "gun violence hot spots" around the city.

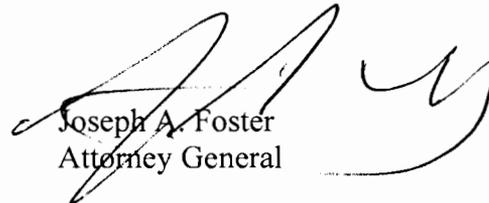
Berlin has also seen an increase in gang and gun crime and will be utilizing the funding to increase police presence in areas of the city suspected to be havens for known gangs. Ties between gang activity in Berlin and street gangs in Boston have been proven and will be investigated by experienced police officers who have been trained in undercover operations, as well.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative funding has been used to support statewide gun crime and gang-related crime investigation and prosecution and was, up until 2011, a formula grant overseen by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, which is composed of numerous federal, state, county and local law enforcement and corrections personnel working together to address both gun and gang violence. These subgrantees were chosen through a competitive application process by the PSN Task Force Selection Committee and were the only police departments to apply.

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

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: Manchester Police Department	Vendor No.: 177433-B012	
Program Name: PSN Gang/Gun Investigations	Amount: \$ 50,000.00	
Grant Start Date: 12/3/2014	State Grant Number: 20PSN11A	
Grant End Date: 8/31/2015	Federal Grant Number: 2011-GP-BX-0095	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-4469-072		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
David Mara Chief of Police 405 Valley Street Manchester, NH 03103 603-792-5400	Matthew Bender	Steven Hoefft
Federal Grant Name:	Project Safe Neighborhoods	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:	Gang/Gun Task Force	
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	David Mara	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Chief of Police	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:	Berlin Police Department	Vendor No.: 177362-B007
Program Name:	PSN Gang/Gun Investigations	Amount: \$ 5,000.00
Grant Start Date:	12/3/2014	State Grant Number: 2014PS02
Grant End Date:	8/31/2015	Federal Grant Number: 2011-GP-BX-0095
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-4469-072	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Peter Morency Chief of Police 135 Green Street Berlin, NH 03570 603-752-3131	Jeffrey Lemoine	Lisa Arguin
Federal Grant Name:	Project Safe Neighborhoods	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:		
Purpose of Grant:	Gun/Gang Task Force	
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	Peter Morency	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Chief of Police	Director of Administration
Date		
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