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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) to accept and expend a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$52,006.00, for the implementation of a body-worn camera program as a fundamental element in the promotion of a safe and secure environment for both residents and staff of the Department, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are to be budgeted in an account, Body-Worn Camera, Accounting Unit 02-046-046-460510-52520000 as follows:

Grant Title: Body-Worn Camera				
Account	Description	FY 2020 Current	FY 2020 Requested Action	FY 2020 Adjusted Authorized
030-500311	Equipment	-	50,860.00	50,860.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	-	1,146.00	1,146.00
	Totals	-	52,006.00	52,006.00
Source of Funds:				
000-400338	Federal Fund Revenue	-	(52,006.00)	(52,006.00)

EXPLANATION

NHDOC is a recipient of a federal grant entitled "FY 19 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCPIP-LEA)" from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$52,006.00. The objective of the program is the implementation or expansion of body-worn cameras in publicly-funded law enforcement agencies, to promote safety of law enforcement officers and citizens by supporting the means to capture digital media evidence (DME), which will contribute to enhanced judicial outcomes.

NHDOC will utilize the grant funding, in addition to NHDOC's currently budgeted matching general funds, to implement a pilot body-worn camera program in specific areas of risk in the NH State Prison for Men (NHSP-M). Although the initial BWC program will be limited to specific areas within the NHSP-M, an evaluation of a successful program may lead to the expansion of officer body-worn cameras within the secure perimeters, and the possibility of cameras worn by Probation/Parole officers in the community.

The incremental deployment of the program enables the department to evaluate and make adjustments, as needed, of how the new technology affects the staff, residents, citizens, and other stakeholders. The BWC audio/video resource helps to reinforce appropriate responses of all parties; both the officer and the resident, through the knowledge that the DME is captured. DME would also be a beneficial training tool to demonstrate professional best practices.

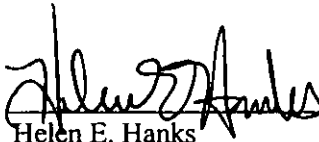
The BWC program and collection of digital media evidence will impact the following major concerns for the Department:

- use of force;
- assaults on officers;
- and litigation against the Department related to an officer actions in use of force situations.

The utilization of program funding will entail the purchase of body-worn cameras, docking stations, licenses, equipment replacement program, vendor DME storage, and vendor installation, officer training, and necessary travel funding to attend the required USDOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance training and technical assistance (TTA) national meeting.

NHDOC will work collaboratively with the Bureau of Justice Assistance TTA and the NH Department of Justice to develop NHDOC's BWC policy and procedures in relation to use, retention, and distribution of the DME, and address privacy concerns of individuals recorded.

Respectfully Submitted,


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U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Grant

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1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) New Hampshire Department of Corrections 105 Pleasant Street 3rd Floor PO 1806 Concord, NH 03302		4. AWARD NUMBER: 2019-BC-BX-0043	
2a. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 026000619		5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2019 TO 09/30/2022 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2019 TO 09/30/2022	
2b. GRANTEE DUNS NO. 877985119		6. AWARD DATE 09/19/2019	7. ACTION Initial
3. PROJECT TITLE FY 19 Body Worn Camera Program		8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 00	
		9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0	
		10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 52,006	
		11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 52,006	
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).			
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under FY19(DJA - Body-Worn Camera Program) Pub. L. No. 116-6, 133 Stat 13, 114			
14. CATALOG OF DOMESTIC FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (CFDA Number) 16.835 - Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program			
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT GPRS			
AGENCY APPROVAL		GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE	
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Katharine T. Sullivan Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General		18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Helen Hanks Commissioner	
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 		19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL 	19A. DATE 10/1/19
AGENCY USE ONLY			
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES FISCAL FUND BUD. DIV. YEAR CODE ACT. OFC. REG. SUB. POMS AMOUNT X B BC 80 00 00 52006		21. UBCUGT0794	

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