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September 26, 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 sub grant \$368,871 to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Board of Pharmacy (Vendor #177945 B006), utilizing funds from the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance FFY 2013 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for the purpose of implementing a prescription drug monitoring program effective the date of Governor and Council approval through March 31, 2015. This is 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-201510-2907, Department of Justice, Grants Administration, and PDMP FFY 2014 as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
072-0576	Grants to other state agencies – Federal	\$368,871

EXPLANATION

If approved, these funds will allow the Board of Pharmacy to implement a statewide prescription drug monitoring program as set forth by RSA 318-B:32 under the Controlled Drug Act (Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program).

New Hampshire is the 49th state to enact legislation to allow the implementation of a prescription drug monitoring program. The fastest-growing epidemic in New Hampshire is the non-medical use of prescription medications. Drug-related deaths in the state have increased 400% since 2000. The goal of the program is to implement a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) that will reduce the misuse, abuse, and diversion of prescription drugs while ensuring that patients whose

conditions require the use of controlled substances receive appropriate medical and pharmaceutical care. The Advisory Council (created by RSA 318-B) has been meeting since July, 2012, and has progressed significantly in its prescribed work toward the PDMP implementation. It is anticipated that the PDMP will be fully operational by February, 2014.

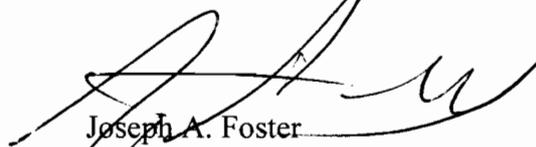
The PDMP will not be accessible by law enforcement except through court order. Additionally, strict security of the data provided by the selected vendor of the monitoring system will be required. Physicians who work in the State's emergency departments and urgent care clinics will be able to access their patients' prescribing histories to ensure that the controlled substances that are being prescribed are medically necessary. In the event that a patient is being given multiple prescriptions from multiple doctors, the PDMP will be able to alert the doctors and afford them an unprecedented opportunity for drug abuse intervention and treatment.

In the event that federal funds become unavailable, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

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: Board of Pharmacy	Vendor No.: 177945B006	
Program Name: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Amount: \$ 368,871.00	
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2013PMP01	
Grant End Date: 3/31/2015	Federal Grant Number: 2013-PM-BX-0005	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-2907-072		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
James Queenan, R.Ph. Executive Secretary 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301	Michael Viggiano Coordinator 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301	Jean Barnes Administration 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301
Federal Grant Name:	Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.754	
Purpose of Grant:	Implementation of a statewide prescription drug monitoring program	
Program Requirements:	Adherence to Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	Match must be spent on program allowable activities.	
Program income Requirements:	Program Income must be reported and spent on program allowable activities.	
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	James Queenan, R.Ph.	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Executive Secretary	Director of Administration
Date		
All terms of this grant award are not valid unless signed by both authorized parties.		