

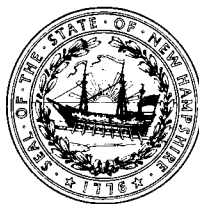
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August 27, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice to enter into three sub-grants totaling \$27,100 with the subgrantees listed below utilizing funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Children's Justice Act Grant for the purpose of providing funds for accreditations through the National Children's Alliance, the purchasing of equipment to improve victim interviews and to enhance training opportunities for professionals handling child abuse and exploitation cases from the period of Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2015: 100% Federal Funding.

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account in State FY2016 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget; #02-20-20-201510-4460, Children's Justice Act Grant, FFY2013:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Granite State Children's Alliance	172495-B001	\$17,000
Merrimack County Advocacy Center	177435-B014	\$3,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates of NH	156690-B001	\$7,100

EXPLANATION

The purpose of the Children's Justice Act Grant is to improve the criminal justice system's response to the handling of actual or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect and child fatalities involving abuse or neglect, and the investigation and prosecution of abuse and neglect cases, with an emphasis on cases involving sexual abuse and exploitation.

The Attorney General's Office and the Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect are actively involved and committed to the sustainability of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) throughout New Hampshire. The purpose of a CAC is to standardize the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, limit the number of interviews and minimize the trauma to the child victim.

The Granite State Children's Alliance (GSCA) is the membership organization for all Child Advocacy Center programs in New Hampshire, providing technical assistance, training, and organizational resources. This subgrant will allow the GSCA to replace outdated recording equipment necessary for conducting interviews with child victims. It will also allow the GSCA to provide additional training opportunities for advanced interviewing techniques to members of its programs.

The subgrant to the Merrimack County Advocacy Center will allow that CAC to apply for accreditation through the National Children's Alliance. This accreditation will help to ensure the effective, efficient and consistent delivery of services in a manner that meets nationally accepted standards. Accreditation allows local agencies to draw upon the experience of other organizations throughout the country when developing and implementing policies and procedures. It further benefits the agency in that, when an agency employee testifies in court, his or her qualifications will be enhanced.


For over twenty years Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire has served as guardian ad litem for abused and neglected children throughout the State who are under the supervision of the court and the Division of Children Youth and Families. This subgrant will fund additional training opportunities for its guardians ad litem. Due to the distances between offices and the rural areas where many of the guardians live, CASA relies very heavily on electronic forms of communication between its CASA staff and the guardians. The equipment in many of these offices is outdated and underperforming and this subgrant will allow CASA to both upgrade existing equipment and purchase new equipment as needed.

Although these three subgrants are below the Governor and Executive Council limit of \$25,000 this Office has cumulatively awarded these agencies more than \$25,000 this fiscal year.

In the event that federal funds no longer become available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Please feel free to contact me 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:	Granite State Children's Alliance	Vendor No.: 172495B001
Program Name:	CAC Equipment & Training	Amount: \$ 17,000.00
Grant Start Date:	09/16/15	State Grant Number: 2015CJA05
Grant End Date:	12/31/15	Federal Grant Number: G-1301NHCJA1
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-4460-072-500575	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
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Federal Grant Name:	Children's Justice Act Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	93.643	
Purpose of Grant:	CAC Equipment & Training	
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	Joy Barrett	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Executive Director	Director of Administration
Date		
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name:	Merrimack County Advocacy Center	Vendor No.: 177435B014
Program Name:	CAC Accreditation	Amount: \$ 3,000.00
Grant Start Date:	9/16/15	State Grant Number: 2015CJA06
Grant End Date:	12/31/15	Federal Grant Number: G-1301NHCJA1
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-4460-072-500575	
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Federal Grant Name:	Children's Justice Act Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	93.643	
Purpose of Grant:	CAC Accreditation	
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	Stephen Marro	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	County Administrator	Director of Administration
Date		
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GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: CASA of NH	Vendor No.: 156690-B001	
Program Name: CASA Equipment	Amount: \$ 7,100.00	
Grant Start Date: 9/16/15	State Grant Number: 2014CJA07	
Grant End Date: 12/31/15	Federal Grant Number: G-1301NHCJA1	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-4460-072-500575		
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Federal Grant Name:	Children's Justice Act Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	93.643	
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment	
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	Marcia Sink	Kathleen B. Carr
Title	Executive Director	Director of Administration
Date		
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