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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to reallocate federal funds, in the amount of \$315,843, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), for the purpose of subgranting funds to other State Agencies providing direct services to victims of crime effective upon Fiscal Committee and the date of Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

In SFY2021, funds shall be transferred within 02-20-20-201510-5021, Victim of Crime Act Grant as follows:

Class/ Expense	Class Title	Current FY2021 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Change	Revised FY2021 Adjusted Authorized
041-500801	Audit Fund Setaside	\$12,170	\$0	\$12,170
072-500575	Grants Federal	\$20,426,743	(\$315,843)	\$20,110,900
085-588546	Interagency Transfer of Funds	\$334,456	\$32,000	\$366,456
085-588550	Interagency Transfer of Funds	\$0	\$283,843	\$283,843
Totals:		<u>\$20,773,369</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,773,369</u>
Source of Funds				
000-404534	Federal Funds	<u>\$20,773,369</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$20,773,369

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EXPLANATION

DOJ requests authorization to transfer budgeted account funds from class 072 to class 085 in order to subgrant funds to state agencies. Specific explanations relating to DOJ's spending requests are as follows:

Class 085: Increase Interagency Transfer of Funds by \$315,843 to enable DOJ to subgrant funds to the New Hampshire Department of Corrections (DOC), to continue to support a statewide victim notification system and DOC's Victim Services' Unit; and to subgrant funds to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for the purpose of enhancing its USafeUS phone application, which provides New Hampshire higher education institutions information and resources for victims of sexual assault.

Class 072: Decrease Grants Federal by \$315,843 in order to move the necessary funds to the proper class line per accounting policy.

The following is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum, dated April 17, 1985, to support the above requested actions:

1. Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
Transfers are for continuing programs (not one-time).
2. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase program level?
Transfers are to maintain existing program levels (no increase to program level).
3. Cite any requirements, which make this program necessary.
VOCA was enacted by Congress in 1984 and it established the Crime Victims Fund. Fines paid by offenders of federal crimes are deposited into this Fund. Money from the Fund is then distributed to states for the benefit of victims of crime. DOJ is the receiving agency for VOCA funds in New Hampshire.

DOJ subgrants these funds to subgrantees providing direct services to victims of crime. Subgrantees providing services in the fields of sexual assault, domestic violence, traditionally underserved populations, and crimes against children are required to be given priority.
4. Identify the source of funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.
100% Federal Funds.

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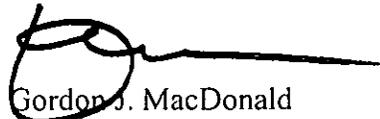
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5. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?
DOJ draws revenue from VOCA based on each subgrantee's actual expenditures, therefore, the transfer will not have any effect on revenues needed to cover subgrantee's actual expenditures.
6. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?
No.
7. Are personal services involved?
The transfer does not result in any new positions.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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