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State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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JOHN J. BARTHELMES
COMMISSIONER

September 30, 2015

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

Requested Action

1. Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to accept \$60,000.00 of federal funds from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the purpose of reducing the backlog of cases within the State Police Lab. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2017. Funding source: 100% Agency Income.
2. Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to accept \$90,000.00 of federal funds from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the purpose of disrupting the connections between the heroin suppliers and the local street distributors. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2017. Funding source: 100% Agency Income.

Funds are to be budgeted in the following account:

02-23-23-234010-33450000 Dept. of Safety – Division of State Police – NHDOJ Grants

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Requested Action</u> <u>#1</u>	<u>Requested Action</u> <u>#2</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Appropriation</u>
009-407085	Agency Income	\$ -	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ (90,000.00)	\$ (150,000.00)
018-500106	Overtime	\$ -	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 61,306.00	\$ 104,806.00
040-500800	Indirect Cost	\$ -	\$ 7,734.00	\$ 11,601.00	\$ 19,335.00
060-500606	Benefits	\$ -	\$ 8,766.00	\$ 17,093.00	\$ 25,859.00
	Total	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 150,000.00

Explanation

The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic services within the state. These grant funds would ensure drug cases are completed in a timely manner. Of extreme concern is the steady increase in heroin cases that has been noted over the last few years and the drastic increase in fentanyl cases since 2014. Quite simply, the laboratory is taking in many more cases per month than it can analyze per month. The availability of overtime funds would give laboratory staff in this section the ability to process additional cases in an effort to have results in time for court action and avoid charges being dismissed. The laboratory staff assigned to the drug section would also be able to provide an expeditious analysis for officers, specifically in fentanyl cases where field testing is currently inadequate. There are currently six full-time criminalists and two part-time criminalists assigned to the drug section. It is expected with the requested overtime funds, these criminalists would be able to process an additional 60-80 cases per month, which would assist in lowering the backlog of cases awaiting analysis.

The Division of State Police will use this funding to disrupt the connections between the heroin suppliers and local street distributors. This intervention should lead to the arrests of numerous heroin dealers and medical professionals who either over prescribe or fraudulently write prescriptions to fulfill their opiate needs throughout the state. With this funding, we will continue to make a greater impact on the heroin/opiate issue in the community.

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Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 018 funds, Overtime, are needed to pay for overtime to the Drug Criminalists and sworn personnel as approved by the awarding Federal Agency.

Class 040 funds, Indirect Costs, are needed to pay Administrative Services the required indirect cost.

Class 060 funds, Benefits, are needed to pay for the benefits related to the overtime as approved by the awarding Federal Agency.

In the event that federal pass-through funds become no longer available, General Funds and/or Highway Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner of Safety

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name:	NH Department of Safety	Vendor No.: 177878-B001
Program Name:	Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program	Amount: \$ 60,000.00
Grant Start Date:	10/07/2015	State Grant Number: 2016JAG501
Grant End Date:	6/30/2017	Federal Grant Number: 2013-CD-BX-0024
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-4458-072-500576	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
John J. Barthelmes Commissioner Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301	Tim Pifer Crime Lab Director 271-3573	Elizabeth Bielecki Director of Administration
Federal Grant Name:	Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.738	
Purpose of Grant:	Targeted forensic lab services	
Financial Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Quarterly performance reports and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Match Requirements:	None	
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	John J. Barthelmes	Kathleen Carr
Title	Commissioner	Director of Administration
Date		
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: NH Department of Safety		Vendor No.: 177878-B001
Program Name Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program		Amount: \$ 90,000.00
Grant Start Date: 10/07/2015	State Grant Number: 2016JAG500	
Grant End Date: 06/30/2017	Federal Grant Number: 2012-DJ-BX-0400	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-4458-072-500576		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
John Barthelemes Commissioner 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 603-223-8813	Robert L. Quinn Colonel	Elizabeth Bielecki Director of Administration
Federal Grant Name:	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.738	
Purpose of Grant:	Drug Interdiction Activities	
Financial Requirements:	See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.	
Match Requirements:	None.	
Reporting Requirements:	Monthly or quarterly Financial reports Quarterly performance reports and audit Adherence to State and Federal guidelines and conditions	
Approval	Program Agency	NH Department of Justice
Name	John Barthelemes	Kathleen Carr
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