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May 16, 2014

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 (DOJ) to grant Media Power Youth (vendor #167350) \$50,000 to support the continued implementation of violence prevention through media literacy education programming in schools for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with the approval of the Governor and Council. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-200010-2601-073, Department of Justice, Attorney General, Grants Non-Federal.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2015 Amount</u>
073-500581	Grants to Non Profits	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

Through this request, the DOJ is requesting approval to award funding to the non-profit organization, Media Power Youth, to support the continuation of violence prevention programming through media literacy education. Funding for this project is included in our 2015 budget and is designated to be awarded as the second year of funding for this two year award, the first year being approved by Governor and Council on August 14, 2013, Item # 21.

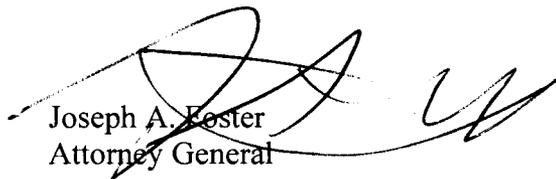
Extensive research evidence indicates that exposure to media violence, for children, can contribute to aggressive behavior, desensitization to violence, nightmares, and fear of being harmed. Research has demonstrated that media education can help to reduce violent/aggressive behavior in children and help them develop pro-social behaviors including respect, empathy, compassion and engagement with peers, family and community.

Media Power Youth, a 501(c)(3) organization based in Manchester, NH, provides media education using an evidence-based curriculum which is available to teachers and school professionals for implementation in their schools. For the past year, the program has been updating its curriculum and conducting extensive statewide outreach to educators and school administrators in preparation for the free statewide trainings to implement the curriculum. The first of eight trainings is scheduled for May 23, 2014. To date over 55 school districts, representing 150 communities, have expressed an intent to participate. The second year of the grant will include working with four model communities to implement middle school, high school, community and parent education using the evidence-based curriculum.

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: Media Power Youth	Vendor No.: 167350	
Program Name: Media Program	Amount: \$ 50,000.00	
Grant Start Date: 07/01/2014	State Grant Number: 2015MPY01	
Grant End Date: 06/30/2015	Federal Grant Number: None	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-200010-2601-073-500581		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Rona Zlokower Executive Director 1245 Elm St Manchester, NH 03101 (603) 222-1200	Sarah Shanahan Education & Training Mgr 1245 Elm St Manchester, NH 03101	David Penchansky Board Treasurer 70 Stark St Manchester, NH 03101
Grant Name: State Award	United States Department of Justice	
Agency: Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	State Award	
Purpose of Grant:		
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	Rona Zlokower	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Executive Director	Director of Administration
Date		
All terms of this grant award are not valid unless signed by both authorized parties.		