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February 24, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
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*[Signature]*  
Approved by Fiscal Committee  
3/21/14  
Date

**Requested Action**

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to accept and expend a grant from the NH Department of Justice for the purpose of establishing a Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Program (SAVIN) in the amount of \$955,095.00. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through September 30, 2014. Funding Source: 100% Agency Income.
2. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to establish class 046 consultant positions for the purpose of establishing a Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Program (SAVIN). Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through September 30, 2014. Funding Source: 100% Agency Income.

Funds are to be budgeted in the account titled:

02-23-23-234010-12440000 Dept. of Safety – Division of State Police – SAVIN Program  
RSRC: 407085  
Amount: \$955,095.00

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>Revised Appropriation</u>
009-407085	Agency Income	\$ -	\$ (955,095.00)	\$ (955,095.00)
040-500800	Indirect Cost	\$ -	\$ 90,207.00	\$ 90,207.00
046-500465	Consultants	\$ -	\$ 864,888.00	\$ 864,888.00
	Total	\$ -	\$ 955,095.00	\$ 955,095.00

**Explanation**

The SAVIN Program grant will be used to fund the construction and implementation of a subscription notification service component to the NH Department of Safety's established criminal information sharing system, J-ONE. The system is scheduled to connect to the state prison, the courts, and the county jails, and will be designed to allow for future inclusion of all police departments, county attorneys, and other agencies of the state's criminal justice system, including those needing substantial technological updates to become compatible with J-ONE.

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The program's dual purpose is the prevention of crime and the realization of victim's rights under the state statute NHRSA 21-M:8-k, Rights of Crime Victims. The program will lay the foundation for real-time notification to victims whose offenders are involved in the criminal justice system at any and all points, from arrest and court events through release from custody and probation and parole hearing.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Funds in class 040 are needed to pay indirect costs to Administrative Services on all eligible expenses.

Funds in class 041 are not appropriated because the department that receives the Federal grant from the federal granting agency is responsible for paying the audit fund set aside.

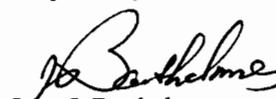
The funds in class 046 are needed for purpose of supporting the development of the SAVIN automated victim notification system.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

- 1) List of personnel involved: *Temporary consultants.*
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration: *The temporary consultants will provide for the increased needs for subject matter experts beyond the limited resources of in-house personnel in the development of the SAVIN automated victim notification system.*
- 3) Relationship to existing agency programs: *Expands the capacity to achieve missions within the Division of State Police and other projects directly related to the particular project.*
- 4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? *No.*
- 5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? *It was unclear at that time that there would be a potential need for consultants to complete these tasks.*
- 6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? *This request is 100% federally funded.*
- 7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s): *The temporary consulting positions are estimated at \$954,140.00.*

In the event that Agency Income becomes no longer available General 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: Statewide Automated Victim Notification Prog	Amount: \$ 955,095.00
Grant Start Date: 1/11/2012	State Grant Number: 2012SAV02
Grant End Date: 9/30/2014	Federal Grant Number: 2011-VN-CX-0014

Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-1137-072-0576

Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
John J. Barthelmes Commissioner 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301	Keith Lohmann Administrator	Wesley Colby Administrator

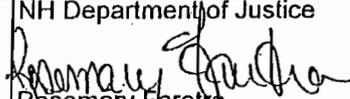
Federal Grant Name: Statewide Automated Victim Notification Program  
Federal Agency: United States Department of Justice  
Bureau/Office: Office of Justice Programs  
CFDA Number: 16.740

Purpose of Grant: Victim Notification  
Award End Date Extension

Financial Requirements: See signed Program Conditions and Guidelines.

Match Requirements: Match must be spent on program allowable activities.

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	 Rosemary Faretra
Title	Commissioner 10-22-13	Director of Administration
Date		10-18-13

All terms of this grant award are not valid unless signed by both authorized parties.

# TITLE I

## THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

### CHAPTER 21-M

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Section 21-M:8-k

##### 21-M:8-k Rights of Crime Victims. –

###### I. As used in this section:

(a) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, psychological or financial harm as a result of the commission or the attempted commission of a crime. "Victim" also includes the immediate family of any victim who is a minor or who is incompetent, or the immediate family of a homicide victim, or the surviving partner in a civil union.

(b) "Crime" means a violation of a penal law of this state for which the offender, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment for more than one year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a felony.

II. To the extent that they can be reasonably guaranteed by the courts and by law enforcement and correctional authorities, and are not inconsistent with the constitutional or statutory rights of the accused, crime victims are entitled to the following rights:

(a) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.

(b) The right to be informed about the criminal justice process and how it progresses.

(c) The right to be free from intimidation and to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

(d) The right to be notified of all court proceedings.

(e) The right to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.

(f) The right to confer with the prosecution and to be consulted about the disposition of the case, including plea bargaining.

(g) The right to have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized.

(h) The right to be notified if presence in court is not required.

(i) The right to be informed about available resources, financial assistance, and social services.

(j) The right to restitution, as granted under RSA 651:62-67 or any other applicable state law, or victim's compensation, under RSA 21-M:8-h or any other applicable state law, for their losses.

(k) The right to be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings.

(l) The right to be advised of case progress and final disposition.

(m) The right of confidentiality of the victim's address, place of employment, and other personal information.

(n) The right to the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

(o) The right to have input in the probation presentence report impact statement.

(p) The right to appear and make a written or oral victim impact statement at the sentencing of the defendant or, in the case of a plea bargain, prior to any plea bargain agreement. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when giving an impact statement.

(q) The right to be notified of an appeal, an explanation of the appeal process, the time, place and result of the appeal, and the right to attend the appeal hearing.

(r) The right to be notified of, to attend, and to make a written or oral victim impact statement at the

sentence review hearings and sentence reduction hearings. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when giving an impact statement.

(s) The right to be notified of any change of status such as prison release, permanent interstate transfer, or escape, and the date of the parole board hearing, when requested by the victim through the victim advocate.

(t) The right to address or submit a written statement for consideration by the parole board on the defendant's release and to be notified of the decision of the board, when requested by the victim through the victim advocate.

(u) The right to all federal and state constitutional rights guaranteed to all victims of crime on an equal basis, and notwithstanding the provisions of any laws on capital punishment, the right not to be discriminated against or have their rights as a victim denied, diminished, expanded, or enhanced on the basis of the victim's support for, opposition to, or neutrality on the death penalty.

(v) The right to access to restorative justice programs, including victim-initiated victim-offender dialogue programs offered through the department of corrections.

(w) The right to be informed of the filing of a petition for post-conviction DNA testing under RSA 651-D.

II-a. (a) In any case where the victim informs the court that he or she requires assistance in making an oral or written impact statement permitted under this section, the court shall allow the victim to designate a representative to write or speak on the victim's behalf.

(b) The victim's impact statement shall not be limited to the injuries, harm, or damages noted in the information or indictment, but may include all injuries, harm, and damages suffered as a result of the commission or attempted commission of the crime whether or not the injuries, harm, or damages were fully determined or discovered at the time the information or indictment was filed.

III. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a cause of action against the state, a county or municipality, or any of their agencies, instrumentalities, or employees. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any new cause of action or new remedy or right for a criminal defendant.

**Source.** 1991, 39:2. 1993, 356:2. 2003, 259:1. 2007, 225:1, 2. 2009, 283:4, 6; 312:1. 2010, 299:4, eff. Sept. 11, 2010.

