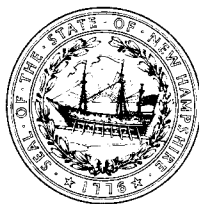


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December 21, 2015

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**

1. Authorize the Department of Justice to conduct a two-day advanced training conference for victim advocates scheduled for April 12-13, 2016 entitled "2016 Tri-State Advanced Victim Assistance Academy" to be held at the Holiday Inn, Concord, New Hampshire, at a cost not to exceed \$6,750 upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2016. 74% Agency Income, 26% Federal Funds.
2. Upon approval of paragraph one, authorize the Department of Justice to accept and expend registration fees for the victim advocate training conference in the amount of \$50 from each of an estimated 100 attendees for a total of \$5,000, to help defray the cost of the conference and facility expenses upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2016. 100% Agency Income.

Funds received are to be budgeted in account #02-20-20-200010-50850000, Department of Justice Victim/ Witness Conference; SFY 2016 Job #20VWTRAINFY16.

<u>Class/Expense</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Current SFY16 Budget</u>	<u>Increase Amount</u>	<u>New SFY16 Budget</u>
067-500559	Training Facility Rentals	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
 <u>Funding Source</u>				
009-404493	Agency Income			\$5,000

## EXPLANATION

The above actions are requested for the Department of Justice to conduct a two-day advanced training conference for advocates working with victims of crime and trauma. The goal of the 2016 Advanced Victim Assistance Tri-State Academy is to expand the knowledge, skills and abilities of victim advocates in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont to work with victims of crime that have mental health and substance abuse disorders. The advocates in the Tri-State area serve a population of 3.2 million people and the skills that they receive from such advanced trainings are invaluable to the crime victims they work with.

A needs assessment completed by nearly 200 advocates in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont revealed a call for training on working victims with co-occurring issues. It is widely recognized that victims of domestic/sexual violence and other trauma can have significant health consequences, including mental health and substance use disorders. By focusing this year's training on understanding these complex issues, advocates will develop skills to provide services essential to the well-being and safety of trauma victims.

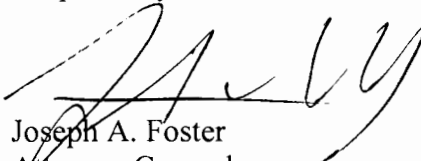
This two-day advanced training is the counterpart to the basic training provided by advocacy organizations in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. For the last several years, these three New England States have combined resources to provide much needed high quality advocate training at a minimal cost. The three states take turns hosting this advanced advocate training and April, 2016 is New Hampshire's turn.

Of the projected number of conference attendees, up to 100 participants will pay a \$50 registration fee for the conference directly to the Treasurer, State of New Hampshire. The Department of Justice will also provide scholarships to cover the cost of attendance for up to an additional 50 attendees from New Hampshire to broaden the level of representation of individuals statewide, to enable individuals from agencies with limited training budgets to attend and to maximize the benefit of this training.

The conference costs, totaling \$6,750 are detailed in the attached conference budget. This total includes supply costs, speakers' expenses and facility costs. The \$50.00 registration fee will pay for part of the costs of the training conference. The remaining costs will be covered by federal funds available in account number 02-20-20-201510-5021 entitled "Victims of Crime Act" FFY 14 Job #20VOC14A as follows: 072-500576 NH Department of Justice.

In the event that federal funds become no longer available General Funds will not be requested to support this program. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**2016 TRI STATE ADVANCED VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY**

April 12-13, 2016

Budget

<b>Supplies</b>	\$800
Name tags, certificates, portfolios etc.	
<b>Total for 5 Presenters</b>	\$3,050
<b>Hotel Contract As Follows:</b>	\$2,900
Room Rental Fee	\$1,700
Audio/Visual	\$300
Overnight rooms (presenters)	\$900
<b>Total</b>	\$6,750

**2016 Tri-State Advanced Victim Assistance Academy**  
April 12-13, 2016  
Holiday Inn, 172 N Main Street, Concord NH 03301

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**April 12, 2016**

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Trauma in the Context of Victims' Advocacy: An Integrated Approach to Co-occurring Concerns <i>Cathy Cave, National Center on Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Trauma</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>(continued)</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on own)
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<i>(continued)</i>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>(continued)</i>

**April 13, 2016**

9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Promising Practices Panel <i>Pam Morin and Melody Fitch, Somerset House</i> <i>Pat Kimball, Wellsprings Inc.</i> <i>Karen Dolan, Vermont Works for Women</i> <i>Linda Douglas, NHCADSV</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Promising Practices Panel <i>(continued)</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on own)
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Vicarious Trauma Prevention and Intervention Strategies for Victims Services Providers <i>Aron Steward, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center</i>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 3:45	<i>(continued)</i>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap-up