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April 10, 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 to enter into sub grants with the following agencies for the total amount of \$7,982 from the Children's Justice Grant for the purpose of funding programs that handle joint investigations of child abuse and exploitation, effective the date of Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2014. This is 100% Federal Funding.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-201510-4460 (Job # 20CJA12A) entitled "Children's Justice Act Grant" as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
072-500575	The Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County	165511-B001	\$3,000
072-500575	Court Appointed Special Advocates of NH	156690-B001	\$4,982

EXPLANATION

The purpose of the Children's Justice Act Grant is to improve the response of the criminal justice system to actual or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect in all cases involving child abuse or neglect related fatalities and in the investigation and prosecution of abuse and neglect cases, particularly in those cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

The Attorney General's Office and the Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect are actively involved and committed to the establishment and sustainability of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) throughout New Hampshire. The purpose of a CAC is to standardize the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, limit the number of interviews, and minimize the trauma to the child victim. This sub grant will allow the Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County to apply for

accreditations through the National Children's Alliance which will help to ensure the effective, efficient and consistent delivery of services in a manner that meets nationally accepted standards. Accreditation allows local agencies to draw upon the experience of other organizations throughout the country when developing and implementing policies and procedures. It further benefits the agency in that, when testifying in Court, there is a presumption that an accredited agency is a better trained agency.

For over twenty years Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire has served as guardian ad litem for abused and neglected children throughout the state who are under the supervision of the court and the Division of Children Youth and Families. This sub grant will allow CASA to purchase much needed equipment to support the on-going needs of their six offices statewide. At these sites, CASA staff provide direct supervision, pre-service and in-service training and general case support to hundreds of guardians ad litem on a daily basis. They also maintain extensive databases that track all case information necessary for the guardians ad litem to perform their duties in court. Due to the distance between offices and the rural areas where many of the guardians ad litem live, CASA relies very heavily on electronic forms of communication between CASA staff and the guardians ad litem. The equipment in these offices is outdated and underperforming. This subgrant will allow CASA to both upgrade existing equipment and purchase new equipment as needed.

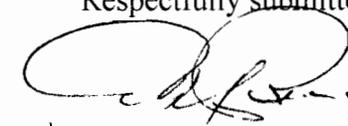
Your approval of this request will enhance the handling of actual or suspected cases of child abuse, improve the well-being of child victims involved with these agencies, and provide for increased services for and resources to parents throughout the state.

In the event that federal funds no longer become available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



for Joseph A. Foster  
Attorney General

<b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>		
<b>GRANT AWARD</b>		
Agency Name:	CAC of Carroll County	Vendor No.: 165511B001
Program Name:	CASA Programs	Amount: \$ 3,000.00
Grant Start Date:	Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2014CJA02
Grant End Date:	9/30/2014	Federal Grant Number: G-1201NHCJA1
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-4460-072-500575	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Ray Mitchell Board President 599 Thorn Hill Rd Intervale, NH 03845 356-8970	Elizabeth Kelley Executive Director 56 Union St./POBox 948 Wolfeboro, NH 03894	Charles Root Financial Committee Member P.O. Box 482 Freedom, NH 539-4201
Federal Grant Name:	Children's Justice Act Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	93.643	
Purpose of Grant:	Accreditation Fees for CAC	
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	Ray Mitchell	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Board President	Director of Administration
Date		
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CASA

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name: CASA of NH	Vendor No.: 156690B001	
Program Name: CASA Programs	Amount: \$ 4,982.00	
Grant Start Date: Upon Approval	State Grant Number: 2014CJA01	
Grant End Date: 9/30/2014	Federal Grant Number: G-1201NHCJA1	
Appropriation No.: 02-20-20-201510-4460-072-500575		
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Gerri Moriarty Chairman, Board of Directors Segway Inc Bedford, NH 03110 603-222-6032	Marcia Sink President/CEO, CASA of NH PO Box 1327 Manchester, NH 03105-1327 603-626-4600	Charles S. Goodwin Treasurer 433 North Bay St Manchester, NH 03104 603-622-2323
Federal Grant Name:	Children's Justice Act Grant	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	93.643	
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment Purchase	
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	Gerri Moriarty	Rosemary Faretra
Title	Chairman, Board of Directors	Director of Administration
Date		
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