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The Honorable Neal Kurk, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301


Approved by Fiscal Committee 4/3/15 Date

Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, and contingent upon the approval of paragraph number two, authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to create one new full-time temporary unclassified Criminal Justice Investigator position, (Unclassified BB) within class 014 (Personnal Services, unclassified) for the purpose of statewide investigations of drug related activities effective upon the approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Council through June 30, 2015. 100% Federal Forfeitures.

Funds for this position are budgeted in 02-20-20-2005-2904-500134, Department of Justice, Public Protection, Drug Task Force.

2. Authorize the Department of Justice to accept and expend \$35,346 of Federal Forfeitures for the purpose of supporting the full-time Criminal Justice Investigator position in paragraph one for the purpose of investigations of drug-related activities to be effective with the approval of Governor and Council through June 30, 2015. 100% Federal Forfeitures.

These funds are to be budgeted in account number 02-20-20-2005-2904, Department of Justice, Public Protection, Drug Task Force as follows:

| Drug Task Force | | <u>FY 2015</u> | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Class | Description | Current Budget | Requested Action | New Budget |
| 010-500100 | Personal Services Perm Class | \$37,800 | \$0 | \$37,800 |
| 013-500132 | Personal Services -Unclassif | \$78,988 | \$0 | \$78,988 |
| 014-500134 | Personal Services - Unclassif | \$143,752 | \$21,936 | \$143,752 |
| 018-500106 | Overtime | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| 020-500200 | Current Expense | \$10,450 | \$500 | \$10,950 |
| 022-500224 | Rents-Leases Other than Sta | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| 027-500800 | Transfer to DOIT | \$25,627 | \$0 | \$25,627 |
| 028-500292 | Transfer to General Services | \$34,583 | \$0 | \$34,583 |
| 039-500190 | Telecommunications | \$15,600 | \$0 | \$15,600 |
| 040-500800 | Indirect Costs | \$51,779 | \$0 | \$51,779 |
| 041-500801 | Audit Fund Set Aside | \$699 | \$0 | \$699 |
| 042-500620 | Additional Fringe Benefits | \$30,499 | \$0 | \$30,499 |
| 059-500109 | Full time Temporary Pers. | \$65,000 | | \$86,936 |
| 060-500601 | Benefits | \$165,578 | \$10,910 | \$176,488 |
| 070-500704 | In-State Travel | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$4,000 |
| 080-500714 | Out of State Travel | <u>\$4,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$4,000</u> |
| | Total | \$677,355 | \$35,346 | \$712,701 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| 404813 | Drug Task Force | \$677,355 | \$0 | \$677,355 |
| 404896 | Federal Forfeitures | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$35,346</u> | <u>\$35,346</u> |
| | Total | \$677,355 | \$35,346 | \$712,701 |

EXPLANATION

The Department of Justice has the opportunity to participate in the new Federal Tactical Diversion Task Force specifically targeted for the trafficking of controlled substance pharmaceuticals (prescription drugs). Prescription drug trafficking is a large problem nationally and this position will be assigned to participate in the Tactical Diversion Task Force in New Hampshire. It has been reported that this new task force recovered approximately \$661,907 between January and December of 2014. As a part of this task force it is anticipated that this requested position will bring in enough revenue from these activities to be expense/revenue neutral.

The funding requested is as follows:

014-Personal Services, unclassified – specifically for the Criminal Investigator for the remaining of FY 2015.

020-Current Expense – miscellaneous expenses related to new positions (paper, pens, letterhead, phone.

060-Benefits – FICA, medical and other related costs.

070- In-State Travel – expenses related to the operation of assigned vehicle.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptrollers' instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981 related to the creation of positions/consultants:

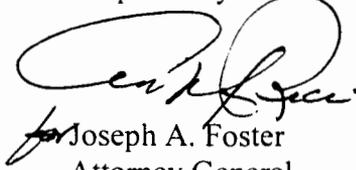
1. List of personnel involved:
Temporary Full Time Criminal Justice Investigator, unclassified BB
2. Nature, need, duration:
It is anticipated that this position will be needed through June 30, 2015 and is requested in the FY 16-17 budget.
3. Relationship to existing programs:
This position will be a part of the Department of Justice's Drug Task Force.
4. Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied?
No other similar program has been requested or denied.
5. Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget?
It was not anticipated that this position would be needed at the time the budget was being created.
6. Can portions of the grant funds be utilized?
The Forfeiture Funds can only be used for Drug Task Force activities.
7. Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s).
The estimated total funds to continue this position is approximately \$106,241 for salary and benefits per year. 100% Federal Forfeitures.

In the event that these funds become unavailable, general funds will not be used to support this program.

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

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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for Joseph A. Foster
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