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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 subgrant \$452,084 to the New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Board of Pharmacy (Vendor #177884-B001), utilizing funds from the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance FFY 2015 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for the maintenance and enhancement of the prescription drug monitoring program effective upon the date of Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2017. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account #02-20-20-201510-2907, Department of Justice, Grants Administration, and PDMP FFY 2015 as follows, Job #20PDMP15A:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
072-0576	Grants to Other State Agencies – Federal	\$452,084

EXPLANATION

If approved, these funds will allow for continued maintenance of the statewide prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). It will also enable the Board of Pharmacy to implement enhancements to the program that will allow for the generation of more comprehensive reports and expanded interstate data sharing, to offer more training of program users, and to conduct program audits.

New Hampshire is in the midst of a heroin and opioid epidemic. Drug-related deaths in the state have increased 400% since 2000. One of the major contributors to the epidemic is the non-medical use of prescription medications. The goal of the PDMP is to reduce the misuse and

abuse of prescription drugs while ensuring that patients whose conditions require the use of controlled substances receive appropriate medical and pharmaceutical care.

The PDMP enables physicians to access and review their patients' prescribing histories to ensure that the controlled substances that are being prescribed are medically necessary. In the event that a patient is receiving drugs from multiple doctors, the PDMP will alert the doctors and afford them an unprecedented opportunity for drug abuse intervention and treatment.

In the event that federal funds become no longer 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,



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Attachments

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AWARD		
Agency Name:	Board of Pharmacy	Vendor No.: 177884B001
Program Name:	NH Prescription Drug Safety Program	Amount: \$ 452,084.00
Grant Start Date:	2/10/2016	State Grant Number: 2016PMP01
Grant End Date:	9/30/2017	Federal Grant Number: 2015-PM-BX-0006
Appropriation No.:	02-20-20-201510-2907-072	
Head of Agency	Project Director	Fiscal Officer
Robert J. Stout, RPh President, Bd of Pharmacy 121 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301 603-271-2350	Michelle Ricco Jonas Program Manager	Louise Lavertue Director of Administration
Federal Grant Name:	Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Justice	
Bureau/Office:	Office of Justice Programs	
CFDA Number:	16.754	
Purpose of Grant:	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	
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	Robert J. Stout, RPh	Kathleen Carr
Title	President, Bd of Pharmacy	Director of Administration
Date		
All terms of this grant award are not valid unless signed by both authorized parties.		