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January 25, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Department of Justice to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$4,710,993, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA FY21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP), for the purpose of expanding and enhancing The Prevention, Enforcement, and Treatment Program (PET) upon approval of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in account #02-20-20-201510-5897, Department of Justice, Grants Management, Swift Sanctions as follows:

<u>Class/Expense</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Current SFY 2022 Modified Budget</u>	<u>Increase Amount</u>	<u>Revised SFY 2022 Modified Budget</u>
072-500574	Grants-Federal	\$650,493	\$4,710,993	\$5,361,486
Total		\$650,493	\$4,710,993	\$5,361,486
<u>Source of Funds</u>				
000-400338	Federal Funds	\$650,493	\$4,710,993	\$5,361,486

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EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Justice is seeking authorization to accept and expend an award, received from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA FY 21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse site-based Program (COSSAP). These funds were not previously budgeted because this was a discretionary grant with no guarantee that New Hampshire would receive an award.

COSSAP is specifically designed to help lower recidivism rates of overdose victims and provide support to families of those struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) through enhancing and expanding the PET program; mainly to fund dedicated police resources responding to overdose calls. The PET program identifies that police officers in New Hampshire are often the first, and sometimes only, responders to a scene where drugs are involved. Instead of treating the overdose situation as an investigation into criminal activity, officers can assist SUD users and affected family members by connecting them with needed resources. This program also identifies adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to deter and prevent children from becoming future SUD users.

The PET program was created by the Laconia Police Department. With COSSAP funds, PET will expand to Belknap, Coos, Sullivan, Rockingham, Strafford, and Hillsborough Counties. Other enhancements to the PET program include partnering with Amoskeag Health and the Manchester Police Department to implement a whole-family approach to addressing the multigenerational cycle of substance misuse within a household through the ACEs Response Team (ACERT). The team will include a Manchester Police Officer, who will provide training and information; an Amoskeag Health Family Advocate, who will provide support and explain available victim services; and a Crisis Services Advocate, who will give support to prevent re-traumatization.

Additionally, funding will be provided for a program coordinator position from the Laconia Police Department. This position will offer continuous trainings, resources, and support to police departments launching the PET program. The program coordinator will also assist with collecting data on project progress to satisfy Federal Performance Measures as required.

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

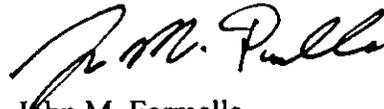
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Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Formella". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Department of Justice
 GRANTS FISCAL SITUATION-FISCAL YEAR 2022
 02-20-20-201510-5897 Swift Sanctions

Total Agency Authorization	\$ 5,361,486
Less Expenditures to 06/30/2021	<u>\$ -</u>
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$ 5,361,486
Less Current Budget Authorization	<u>\$ 650,493</u>
Total Available for Budgeting	\$ 4,710,993
Available to Budget at Later Date	<u>\$ -</u>
REQUESTED ACTION	<u><u>\$ 4,710,993</u></u>

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2021	Balance
15PBJA-21-GG-04558-COAP	\$ 4,710,993	\$ -	\$ 4,710,993



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Washington, D.C. 20531

GRANT NOTIFICATION		Grant Number: 15PBJA-21-GG-04558-COAP
Name & Address of Recipient:	JUSTICE, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF 33 CAPITOL STREET	
City, State & ZIP:	CONCORD, NH 03301	
Recipient Project Director/Contact:	KATHLEEN CARR MS.	
Phone:	(603) 271-8090	
Title of Program:	BJA FY 21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program	
Title of Project:	Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program	
Amount of Award:	\$ 4,710,993	Date of Award: 12/21/2021
Awarding Agency:	Bureau of Justice Assistance Aja Pappas	
Supplement:	No	
Statutory Authority for Program:	34 USC 10701; Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 1259. Any awards under this solicitation would be made under statutory authority provided by a full-year appropriations act for FY 2021.	
Impact/Focus:	Competitive Discretionary	CFDA Number: 16.838
Project Description:	<p>The New Hampshire Department of Justice is applying for Category 2 funding in the amount of \$4,710,993.00 under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP). This proposed program is statewide and includes partnerships with Amoskeag Health, Laconia, Belmont, Berlin, Claremont, Londonderry, Manchester, and Merrimack Police Departments. This project is designed to enhance and expand The Prevention, Enforcement, & Treatment Program (PET), which was started by the Laconia Police Department and Master Patrol Officer Eric Adams in 2015. This program was designed to help lower recidivism rates of overdose victims and provide support to families of those struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Dedicating a full time police officer to respond to all overdose calls in the city, Laconia was able to connect individuals and their family immediately to the few lifesaving resources available and with the success of the program; assisted in building more direct services to the area. This program includes enhancing PET in Laconia by not only expanding it to six other counties across the state, but also partnering with the Manchester Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team Technical Assistance Center (ACERT TAC) to allow a multigenerational approach to SUD as New Hampshire was among the top ten states in the nation for drug overdose mortality rate in 2019. In October 2015, Manchester Police Department, Amoskeag Health and YWCA created the now nationally recognized ACERT to address trauma and facilitate the referral process of connecting families and children to mental health services following first responder intervention; by utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach to meet immediate needs of children and families exposed to ACEs (adverse childhood experiences). The ACERT TAC will provide training and resources for the communities to ensure their networks of programs and services are trauma-informed. Immediate actions by responding law enforcement and access to needed resources for children with ACE's and adults with substance abuse can be instrumental in preventing future SUD. This project would integrate PET and ACE's into the first responders' curriculum</p>	



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when responding to calls related to drug use. PET would offer a core of services to the families of SUD, while identifying and utilizing resources from Manchester ACERT TAC to address the ACE's in children; thereby taking a multigenerational approach by not only treating the SUD but recognizing and treating the ACE's to prevent future overdose recidivism.

For more information about this award, please contact the OJP Office of Communications at 202-307-0703 or OJP.OCOM@ojp.usdoj.gov.