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February 22, 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 \$375,000, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs), for the purpose of creating a temporary Program Specialist IV position, for the Department of Justice Elder Abuse Unit, and for the purpose of coordinating a statewide system to review and triage cases involving elder financial exploitation upon approvals 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-NEWXXXX, Department of Justice, Grants Management, Elder Abuse-MDT, as follows. The Accounting Unit will be assigned upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee of The General Court and Governor and Executive Council:

Class/Expense	Class Title	SFY 2022 Amount
020-500200	Current Expense	\$3,600
037-500173	Technology Hardware	\$1,500
038-500175	Desktop Software	\$1,000
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$1,980
042-500620	Post-Retirement	\$13,909
059-500117	Personal Services-Perm Class	\$173,862

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060-500601	Benefits	\$104,319
070-500706	In-State Travel	\$3,360
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$3,500
102-500731	Contracts For Program Services	\$67,970
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$375,000</u></b>
<u>Source of Funds</u>		
000-400338	Federal Funds	<b><u>\$375,000</u></b>

2. Upon approval of paragraph one and pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Department of Justice, to establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist IV, position 9T3208, within budget class 059 (Full-Time Temporary) upon approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

### EXPLANATION

The Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse Grant coordinates Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) to review cases of elder financial exploitation and abuse. The E-MDTs are a group of professionals focused on the goal of facilitating healing for elder abuse victims through the provision of services including, but not be limited to, healthcare, legal aid, mental health counseling and housing. This approach will offer a victim-centered criminal justice response. These funds were not previously budgeted because the grant application was discretionary and there was no guarantee that New Hampshire would receive an award.

The Department of Justice will also utilize these funds to hire a Temporary Program Specialist IV, position 9T3208, to coordinate a statewide Elder Abuse E-MDT system. This position will also assess the needs of the E-MDTs and seek out services, as needed, from forensic accountants, neuropsychologist, or other professionals to aid with complex elder abuse cases.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

The funds in Class 020, Current Expense, will be used to purchase consumable supplies.

The funds in Class 037, Technology Hardware, will be used to purchase pc/laptop for the Program Specialist IV.

The funds in Class 038, Desktop Software, will be used to purchase software licenses for most commonly used software packages.

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The funds in Class 039, Telecommunications, will be used for the purchase and use of a phone for the position.

The funds in Class 042, Post-Retirement, will be used to pay quarterly fringe benefits as invoiced.

The funds in Class 059, Personal Services-Perm Class, will be used to pay the salary of the Program Specialist IV.

The funds in Class 060, Benefits, will be used to pay benefits for the Program Specialist IV.

The funds in Class 070, In-State Travel, will be used to pay travel within the State for the Program Specialist IV and other Elder Abuse Unit staff or members involved with this program.

The funds in Class 080, Out-Of-State Travel, will be used to pay travel outside the State for the Program Specialist IV and other Elder Abuse Unit staff or members involved with this program.

The funds in Class 102, Contracts for Program Services, will be used to contract with specialists when needed to solve or review complex cases.

The following information is provided in accordance with the comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981:

1. *List of personnel involved.* One (1) new full time-temporary position titled Program Specialist IV
2. *Nature, Need and Duration.* The Program Specialist IV will be the main coordinator and creator of the E-MDT system. The position is needed to form a program that diminishes the number of elder abuse cases in New Hampshire. This position has funding for three years, beyond June 30, 2023.
3. *Relationship to existing agency programs.* This position will join the Elder Abuse Unit of the Department.
4. *Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied?* No.
5. *Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request?* This was a discretionary grant with no guarantee the Department of Justice would win an award.
6. *Can portions of the grant funds be utilized?* Besides Administrative costs, these grant funds are for the creation and coordination of the Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs),
7. *Estimate the funds required to continue this position?* It will cost approximately \$278,871 in salary and benefits to continue the position for the grant period.

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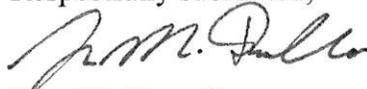
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In the event that federal funds are no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

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

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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Department of Justice  
 GRANTS FISCAL SITUATION-FISCAL YEAR 2022  
 02-20-20-201510-NEWXXXX Elder Abuse-MDT

Total Agency Authorization	\$ 375,000
Less Expenditures to 06/30/2021	\$ -
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$ 375,000

Less Current Budget Authorization	\$ -
Total Available for Budgeting	\$ 375,000

Available to Budget at Later Date	\$ -
<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2021	Balance
15POVC-21-GG-01078-NONF	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 375,000



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February 10, 2022

Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration  
Department of Justice  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Regarding:** Request to establish a full-time temporary Program Specialist IV, LG 25 pay schedule A000–position # 9T3208.

Dear Ms. Carr,

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on February 3, 2022 for the Department of Justice to establish position #9T3208 as a full-time temporary Program Specialist IV, LG 25; pending approval of funding.

This position is being established in response to receipt of a discretionary grant specifically to aid the Elder Abuse Unit. The grant includes funding for staff. The Program Specialist IV, LG 25 will coordinate and form a committee dedicated to tracking and deterring various elder abuse issues. This work is complimented by duties such as the development and implementation of policies, practices and procedures, collection and distribution of data and provision of technical assistance.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

It will be your responsibility to bring the request for funding before the Fiscal Committee. You may use this letter as confirmation of our decision. Once you have obtained Fiscal Committee approval, please notify the Division of Personnel, Operations Section at [CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov](mailto:CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov) so that we may process the Work Unit and approved SJD.

Sincerely,

Marianne Rechy  
Classification & Compensation Administrator

Cc: Lorrie Rudis, Director of Personnel



**Department of Justice (DOJ)**

**Office of Justice Programs**

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*Washington, D.C. 20531*

GRANT NOTIFICATION		Grant Number: 15POVC-21-GG-01078-NONF	
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:		OVC FY 2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse	
Title of Project:		Elder Abuse E-MDT	
Amount of Award: \$ 375,000		Date of Award: 09/28/2021	
Awarding Agency:		Office for Victims of Crime Laura Ivkovich	
Supplement:		No	
Statutory Authority for Program: 34 U.S.C. § 20103(c)(1)(A).			
Impact/Focus: Competitive Discretionary		CFDA Number: 16.582	
<p><b>Project Description:</b>  The New Hampshire Department of Justice is seeking this federal funding through Americas Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse grant program to strengthen and enhance our states response to elder financial exploitation. NH Financial Abuse Specialty Team (FAST) is a statewide multi-disciplinary team of organizations and community members working to improve the response to elder financial exploitation through increased collaboration and coordination. Members of FAST include the NH Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, the Alzheimers Association, the U.S. and NH Departments of Justice, NH Legal Assistance, various financial institutions and law enforcement from two large cities. While we have had some good successes, because NH FAST has no funding or dedicated staff person, it has been a challenge to implement more involved structural enhancements to improve our coordinated response to this problem. For example, NH FAST has identified the need to create a coordinated statewide system to review and triage financial exploitation cases. Our application seeks to fund a dedicated person to serve as a liaison between the Attorney Generals Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit (EAEU), the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services and the Bureau of Security Regulations. This Project Coordinator position would be housed within the EAEU. They will be responsible for reviewing cases and scheduling regular meetings between the three agencies to determine the most appropriate response. This person would also help organize and conduct outreach, maintain the StayConnectedNH.org website, organize NH FAST meetings, including the coordination of speakers to educate FAST members, and other related activities. The StayConnectedNH.org website provides a forum for team members, allies and residents of NH to obtain reliable information regarding public awareness, useful articles, new programs, and legislation regarding elder abuse and financial exploitation. Adding the Project Coordinator position will enable the NH DOJ EAEU to better identify and respond to older adults who experience financial exploitation and abuse and hold offenders accountable. The grant</p>			



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funding would also enable the NH FAST to expand and include other identified professionals such as a neuropsychologist and forensic accountant. Project deliverables include hiring a coordinator position, convening of a new NH FAST subcommittee for Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation Case Review, a needs assessment, development of referral protocols, creating NH FAST case review policies, procedures and best practices and creating educational opportunities on elder abuse and financial exploitation.

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