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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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August 5, 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 federal funds in the amount of \$500,000, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Discretionary Grant Program, for the purpose of subgranting funds to police departments for equipment and community-oriented projects, upon the 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 Administration, entitled Byrne Discretionary Grant, as follows:

Class/Expense	Class Title	SFY 2023 Amount
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$500,000
Total		<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>		
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	<u>\$500,000</u>

EXPLANATION

The Department of Justice, Grants Management Administration Unit (Unit), serves as a funding resource for law enforcement agencies in New Hampshire. The Unit is routinely

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contacted by these agencies seeking funds for various projects. Most common requests are for portable radios, body and cruiser cameras, bullet proof vests, training, and community-oriented projects. To aid NH law enforcement communities, the Unit applied for a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request from the office of Senator Shaheen.

Once funds are approved by the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and the Governor and Executive Council, the Unit plans on posting a Request For Application (RFA) to police departments throughout the state. Applications will be reviewed by a committee to fund projects that meet the guidelines of the Grant. The Department of Justice anticipates that the demand for these funds will far exceed the \$500,000 and will craft the RFA to ensure that funding is fairly distributed to applicants.

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,



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Department of Justice
 GRANTS FISCAL SITUATION-FISCAL YEAR 2023
 02-20-20-201510-NEWXXX Byrne Discretionary Grant

Total Agency Authorization	\$ 500,000
Less Expenditures to 06/30/2022	<u>\$ -</u>
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$ 500,000
Less Current Budget Authorization	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Available for Budgeting	\$ 500,000
Available to Budget at Later Date	<u>\$ -</u>
REQUESTED ACTION	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u>

Grant Award Number	Award Amount	Expenses to 06/30/2022	Balance
15PBJA-22-GG-00213-BRND	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Communications

Washington, D.C. 20530

AWARD NOTIFICATION		Award Number: 15PBJA-22-GG-00213-BRND	
Name and Address of Recipient:		JUSTICE, NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF 33 CAPITOL ST	
City, State and Zip:		CONCORD, NH 03301	
Recipient Point of Contact:		THOMAS KAEMPFER	
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Solicitation Title: BJA FY 22 Invited to Apply — Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program			
Federal Award Amount: \$500,000.00		Federal Award Date: 7/26/22	
Awarding Agency:		Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance	
Award Type:		Initial	
Statutory Authority:		Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat 49, 125; 28 USC 530C	
Opportunity Category: Earmark		Assistance Listing Number: 16.753	
Project Period Start Date: 3/15/22		Project Period End Date: 9/30/23	
Project Description: The New Hampshire Department of Justice, as the State Administating Agency, applied for Congressionally Directed Spending for New Hampshire law enforcement to assist with funding one time capital expenditures, training, and community oriented projects. Funding will be available to police departments to seek funding for items such as portable radios, body and cruiser cameras, bullet proof vests, training, and community oriented projects. Local police department budgets, generally, are not robust enough to support expenditures such as these. The New Hampshire Department of Justice is often approached for funding by police departments in the state, and these are the items that are cited as the most needed for police departments.			

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