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April 27, 2023

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) to **retroactively** amend an existing Body-Worn Camera (BWC) grant from US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, approved by Governor and Executive Council on November 25, 2019, item # 51, by extending the end date only from September 30, 2022 to September 20, 2023 upon Governor and Executive Council. No additional funds are requested in this extension. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

This item is **retroactive** due to the application extension approval was not received by DOC until November 7, 2022.

NHDOC was a recipient of a federal grant titled "FY19 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCPIP-LEA)" from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$52,006.00. The objective of the program is the implementation and expansion of body-worn cameras in publicly funded law enforcement agencies, to promote safety of law enforcement officers and citizens by supporting the means to capture Digital Media Evidence (DME), which will contribute to enhanced judicial outcomes. NHDOC will utilize the BWC funding, in addition to currently budgeted general funds to implement the body-worn camera program in DOC facilities and the Division Field Services.

The extension of the program funding will allow the Department to evaluate the program and expansion of the officer body-worn cameras to make adjustments, as needed, of how new technology affects the staff, residents, citizens and other stakeholders; as well as reinforce appropriate responses of all parties through the knowledge that the DME has captured.

The continued BWC program and collection of digital media evidence impacts the use of force, assaults on officers and litigation against the Department, as well as enhancing the program for BWC policy and procedures with retention and privacy concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Helen E. Hanks
 Commissioner



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September 21, 2022

Mr. Gerardo Velazquez
State Policy Advisor
U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

Re: No Cost Extension for Body Worn Camera Grant 2019-BC-BX-0043

Dear Mr. Velazquez,

The State of New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NH DOC) is requesting a twelve (12) month no-cost extension to the Body Worn Camera Grant 2019-BC-BX-0043, which expires on **September 30, 2022**. The purpose of this request is to allow the NH DOC to expend the grant balance, which is \$52,006. The requested extension will allow us to spend the remaining money and be able to acquire body worn cameras to strengthen the interactions with the NH DOC Correctional Officers, residents, and parolees.

The reason for the extension is that the Request for Proposal process with the vendors has taken longer than expected. This is due to the fact that the State of New Hampshire passed a law requiring body cameras be worn by all law enforcement personnel. The scope of the project now includes the entire NH DOC agency rather than a limited group at the NH State Prison for Men in Concord, NH. The New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services took over the Request for Proposal process because the law was now applicable to all state agencies containing law enforcement personnel. In early September 2022, Governor and Council approved Axon as the vendor.

The Governor and Council approval has allowed the DOC to engage with the vendor and the expected timeline for the project is:

Activities	Expected completion date
Project deliverable agreement	10/2022
Technical and hardware logistics deliverables	01/2023

User testing and training planning, system deployment activities	04/2023
Train users and administrators, deploy vehicle system	05/2023
Final project acceptance	06/2023

The State of New Hampshire Department of Corrections proposes the following plan for the requested extension period:

Activities	Expected completion date
Agreement extension	10/2022
Ending date of obligations	07/2023
Grant Closeout	08/2023
Monitoring Process/Activities due	08/2023

For the reasons explained above, we respectfully request a twelve (12) month no cost extension be granted to the State of New Hampshire Department of Corrections. I thank you for your patience as we come to a conclusion on this exciting project. Should you have any questions, please contact Scott Young at Robert.S.Young@DOC.NH.Gov or (603) 271-8406.

Respectfully,



Helen E. Hanks

Commissioner, NH DOC



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The request for a grant award modification, GAM-562591, for award number 2019-BC-BX-0043 under the solicitation *BJA FY 19 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies* is approved.

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November 4, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Pending
Approved November 25, 2019
Item # 51

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) to accept and expend a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$52,006.00, for the implementation of a body-worn camera program as a fundamental element in the promotion of a safe and secure environment for both residents and staff of the Department, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are to be budgeted in an account, Body-Worn Camera, Accounting Unit 02-046-046-460510-52520000 as follows:

Grant Title: Body-Worn Camera				
Account	Description	FY 2020 Current	FY 2020 Requested Action	FY 2020 Adjusted Authorized
030-500311	Equipment	-	50,860.00	50,860.00
080-500710	Out of State Travel	-	1,146.00	1,146.00
	Totals	-	52,006.00	52,006.00
Source of Funds:				
000-400338	Federal Fund Revenue	-	(52,006.00)	(52,006.00)

EXPLANATION

NHDOC is a recipient of a federal grant entitled "FY 19 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCIPI-LEA)" from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$52,006.00. The objective of the program is the implementation or expansion of body-worn cameras in publicly-funded law enforcement agencies, to promote safety of law enforcement officers and citizens by supporting the means to capture digital media evidence (DME), which will contribute to enhanced judicial outcomes.

NHDOC will utilize the grant funding, in addition to NHDOC's currently budgeted matching general funds, to implement a pilot body-worn camera program in specific areas of risk in the NH State Prison for Men (NHSP-M). Although the initial BWC program will be limited to specific areas within the NHSP-M, an evaluation of a successful program may lead to the expansion of officer body-worn cameras within the secure perimeters, and the possibility of cameras worn by Probation/Parole officers in the community.

The incremental deployment of the program enables the department to evaluate and make adjustments, as needed, of how the new technology affects the staff, residents, citizens, and other stakeholders. The BWC audio/video resource helps to reinforce appropriate responses of all parties; both the officer and the resident, through the knowledge that the DME is captured. DME would also be a beneficial training tool to demonstrate professional best practices.

The BWC program and collection of digital media evidence will impact the following major concerns for the Department:

- use of force;
- assaults on officers;
- and litigation against the Department related to an officer actions in use of force situations.

The utilization of program funding will entail the purchase of body-worn cameras, docking stations, licenses, equipment replacement program, vendor DME storage, and vendor installation, officer training, and necessary travel funding to attend the required USDOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance training and technical assistance (TTA) national meeting.

NHDOC will work collaboratively with the Bureau of Justice Assistance TTA and the NH Department of Justice to develop NHDOC's BWC policy and procedures in relation to use, retention, and distribution of the DME, and address privacy concerns of individuals recorded.

Respectfully Submitted,


Helen E. Hanks
Commissioner



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance

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1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) New Hampshire Department of Corrections 185 Pleasant Street 3rd Floor PO 1806 Concord, NH 03302		4. AWARD NUMBER: 2019-BC-BX-0043	
		5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2019 TO 09/30/2022 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2019 TO 09/30/2022	
2a. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 026000619		6. AWARD DATE 09/19/2019	7. ACTION Initial
2b. GRANTEE DUNS NO. 877951119		8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 00	
3. PROJECT TITLE FY 19 Body Worn Camera Program		9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0	
		10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 52,006	
		11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 52,006	
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).			
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under FY19(OJA - Body-Worn Camera Program) Pub. L. No. 116-6, 133 Stat 13, 114			
14. CATALOG OF DOMESTIC FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (CFDA Number) 16.835 - Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program			
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT GPRS			
AGENCY APPROVAL		GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE	
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Katherine T. Sullivan Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General		18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Heide Heide Commissioner	
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 		19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL 	19a. DATE 10/1/19
AGENCY USE ONLY			
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES FISCAL FUND BUD. DIV. YEAR CODE ACT. OPC. RDO. SUB. POMS AMOUNT X B BC 10 00 00 32006			21. UBCUGT0794