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May 29, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
And the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, N.H. 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Judicial Council to amend the budget and expend request approved by Governor and Council on May 3, 2023 (item #46), by extending the end date from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2026, for the revenue received from the Department of Safety, pursuant to RSA 604-A:1-c, to support the payment of indigent defense costs resulting from substance use enforcement programs, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Funding is budgeted in 02-07-07-070010-72200000 INDIGENT COUNCIL - SUBSTANCE USE as follows:

Class/Account	Class Title	Current Adjusted Authorized
<b>Revenue</b>		
001-484923-69	Transfers From Other Agencies	\$94,103
<b>Expenses</b>		
108-500751	Provider Payments – Legal Services	\$94,103

**EXPLANATION**

RSA 604-A:1-c requires the Department of Safety to transfer five (5) percent of any additional funds appropriated for the substance abuse enforcement program established in RSA 21-P:66 to the Judicial Council to be used to pay for indigent defense costs resulting from such law enforcement activities. This account holds those transferred funds. If this request is not approved by Governor and Council, the unspent funds in this account will lapse and will not be available for

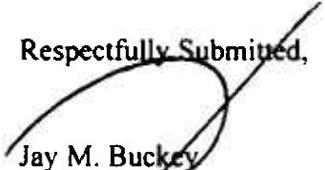
use by the Judicial Council to pay attorneys in indigent criminal defense cases that arise from substance abuse enforcement activities, as intended and required by RSA 604-A:1-c, II.

As part of the budget process for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, the Judicial Council intends to request legislation that would allow funds received pursuant to RSA 604-A:1-c to be continually appropriated to the Judicial Council and non-lapsing.

This Agency will remain at your service to provide any requested information concerning the critical importance of this additional funding to the orderly administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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April 11, 2023

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Judicial Council to Budget and Expend \$94,089 of revenue transferred from the Department of Safety to support the payment of indigent defense costs resulting from substance use enforcement programs, as directed by RSA 604-A:1-c. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2024. 100% Other Funds.

Funding is to be budgeted in 02-07-07-070010-72200000 INDIGENT COUNCIL – SUBSTANCE USE as follows:

<b>Class/Account</b>	<b>Class Title</b>	<b>Current Adjusted Authorized</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>	<b>Revised Adjusted Authorized</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
001-484923-69	Transfers From Other Agencies	\$63,157	\$94,089	\$157,246
<b>Expenses</b>				
108-500751	Provider Payments Legal Services	\$63,157	\$94,089	\$157,246

**EXPLANATION**

RSA 604-A:1-c requires the Department of Safety to transfer 5 percent of any additional funds appropriated for the substance abuse enforcement program established in RSA 21-P:66 to the Judicial Council to be used to pay for indigent defense costs resulting from such law enforcement activities. This account holds those transferred funds and is used by the Judicial Council to pay attorneys in indigent criminal defense cases that arise from substance abuse enforcement activities.

The Department of Safety has transferred \$94,089 to the Judicial Council as required by RSA 604-A:1-c. Funds will be budgeted in Class 108 - Provider Payments Legal Services to pay for indigent criminal defense costs, as described above.

This Agency will remain at your service to provide any requested information concerning the critical importance of this additional funding to the orderly administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Samdperil', written in a cursive style.

Richard E. Samdperil  
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