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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Pursuant to RSA 318-B:17-c, II, the Department of Justice respectfully submits a report on the Drug Forfeiture Fund. This fund consists of both judicial and administrative forfeitures of money and property seized in drug-related activity.

RSA 318-B:17-b,V provides:

> Final orders for forfeiture of property under this section shall be implemented by the department of justice and shall provide for disposition of the items or property interests by the state in any manner not prohibited by law, including retention for official use by law enforcement or other public agencies or sale at public auction. The department of justice shall pay the reasonable expenses of the forfeiture proceeding, seizure, storage, maintenance of custody, advertising, court costs and notice of sale from any money forfeited and from the proceeds of any sale or public auction of forfeited items. All outstanding recorded liens on said items or property interests seized shall be paid in full upon conclusion of the court proceedings from the proceeds of any sale or public auction of forfeited items. The balance remaining shall be distributed by the department of justice as follows:
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> (a) Of the first $600,000, $100,000 shall be credited to the police psychological stability screening fund established in RSA 106-L:16 and from the remainder:
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> (1) Forty-five percent shall be returned to the fiscal officer or officers of the municipal, county, state, or federal government which provided the law enforcement

agency or agencies responsible for the seizure. Moneys returned to each fiscal officer shall be deposited in a special account and shall be used primarily for meeting expenses incurred by law enforcement agencies in connection with drug-related investigations. Except as provided in RSA 31:95-b, such funds shall be available for expenditure without further appropriation by the legislative body of the municipal, county, state or federal government, and shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Moneys returned to a state law enforcement agency shall be deposited in a special nonlapsing account established within the office of the state treasurer and shall be in addition to all other state appropriations to such agency;

(2) Ten percent shall be deposited into a special nonlapsing account established within the office of the state treasurer for the department of health and human services; and

(3) Forty-five percent shall be deposited in a revolving drug forfeiture fund, administered by the department of justice pursuant to RSA 318-B:17-c; and

(b) Of any balance remaining:

(1) Ten percent shall be deposited in the manner prescribed in subparagraph V(a)(2) of this section; and

(2) Ninety percent shall be deposited in the manner prescribed in subparagraph V(a)(3) of this section.

The total amount of payments made to the special account for the department of health and human services pursuant to subparagraphs V(a)(2) and V(b)(1) of this section shall not exceed $400,000 in any fiscal year and any excess over $400,000 which would otherwise be paid to such special account under this section shall be deposited in the general fund. The revolving drug forfeiture fund shall at no time exceed $1,000,000. All sums in the revolving drug forfeiture fund in excess of $1,000,000 shall be credited to the general fund.

Fiscal Year 2024 activity for this account is summarized as follows and detailed in the attached reports:

FY24 Beginning Available Balance	FY24 Revenue Received	FY24 Expense and Encumbrance 020 & 030 For Supplies & Equipment	FY24 Expense 068 Distribution	FY24 Expense 102 Contract	FY24 Ending Balance
$65,285	$194,668	($894)	($166,148)	($5,345)	$87,566

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this informational item.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Justice Drug Forfeiture Account

					Distributions				
					45%	10%			$100,000.00
Date	Seizing Agency	Purpose	Revenue	Reasonable Expenses and Buy Money	Forfeiture Funds (Part of Revenue Total)	Paid to DHHS	Forfeiture Drug Task Force (Part of Revenue Total)	Paid to Local Police Department	Paid to Police Standards and Training
7/12/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$37.56	$0.00	$37.56	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
7/12/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$254.51	$0.00	$254.51	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
7/18/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$147.67	$0.00	$147.67	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
7/18/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$34.19	$0.00	$34.19	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
7/28/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$25.65	$0.00	$25.65	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
7/28/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$276.15	$0.00	$276.15	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
8/2/2023	Berlin Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,609.00	($149.68)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,459.32)
8/15/2023	Newport Police Department	Forfeiture	$6,515.00	($716.80)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($5,798.20)
8/21/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$64.11	$0.00	$64.11	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
8/21/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$160.68	$0.00	$160.68	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
8/21/2023	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,776.00	($10.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,766.00)
8/24/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,320.00	($36.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,284.00)
8/24/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,081.00	($36.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,045.00)
8/24/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,592.00	($41.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,551.00)
8/25/2023	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$1,154.00	($51.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,103.00)
8/25/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$119.66	$0.00	$119.66	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
8/25/2023	Littleton Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,097.00	($51.88)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,045.12)
8/29/2023	Salem Police Department	Forfeiture	$3,615.00	($92.60)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($3,522.40)
8/31/2023	Winchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,282.00	($48.40)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,233.60)
8/31/2023	Claremont Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,020.00	($41.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($979.00)
8/31/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$27.21	$0.00	$27.21	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/5/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$132.58	$0.00	$132.58	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/5/2023	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$384.63	($3,928.39)	$384.63	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/7/2023	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($5,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/12/2023	Claremont Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,400.00	($37.20)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,362.80)
9/13/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,151.00	($65.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,086.00)
9/13/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,093.00	($58.30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,034.70)
9/13/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$7,558.00	($36.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($7,522.00)
9/13/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,275.00	($119.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,156.00)
9/13/2024	Drug Task Force	Supplies	$0.00	($894.24)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/14/2023	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$2.00	$0.00	$2.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/14/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$590.00	$0.00	$590.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/15/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/15/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,091.00	($45.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,046.00)
9/15/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$3,459.00	($31.85)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($3,427.15)
9/15/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,330.00	($61.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,269.00)
9/15/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,014.00	($932.30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($81.70)
9/15/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,262.00	($121.07)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,140.93)
9/20/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$126.52	$0.00	$126.52	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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9/20/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$203.70	$0.00	$203.70	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
9/20/2023	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,662.00	($31.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,631.00)
9/22/2023	Laconia Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,661.00	($1,026.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($635.00)
9/29/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$277.01	$0.00	$277.01	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
10/2/2024	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($5,500.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
10/11/2023	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$3,980.00	($46.30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($3,933.70)
10/20/2023	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$2,715.86	($178.93)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,536.93)
10/23/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
10/23/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$34.19	$0.00	$34.19	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
10/23/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$1,433.95	$0.00	$1,433.95	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
10/30/2023	Rochester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,480.00	($78.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,402.00)
10/30/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$181.28	$0.00	$181.28	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/6/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$114.64	$0.00	$114.64	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/6/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$169.28	$0.00	$169.28	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/20/2023	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$2,129.00	($33.80)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,095.20)
11/20/2023	Amherst Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,186.00	($11.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,175.00)
11/20/2023	Belknap County Sheriff	Forfeiture	$1,575.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,575.00)
11/27/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$203.30	$0.00	$203.30	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/27/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$94.33	$0.00	$94.33	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/27/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$322.90	$0.00	$322.90	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/28/2023	Drug Task Force	Vehicle Sale	$5,280.00	$0.00	$5,280.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
11/29/2023	Hooksett Police Department	Forfeiture	$12,820.00	($41.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($12,779.00)
12/8/2023	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$2,400.00	$0.00	$2,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
12/11/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$310.03	$0.00	$310.03	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
12/11/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$6,952.98	$0.00	$6,952.98	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
12/12/2023	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$11,598.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($11,598.00)
12/21/2023	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($5,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
12/28/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$279.43	$0.00	$279.43	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
12/28/2023	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$888.89	$0.00	$888.89	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/10/2024	Milford Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,221.00	($31.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,190.00)
1/10/2024	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($5,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/11/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$131.62	$0.00	$131.62	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/11/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$209.06	$0.00	$209.06	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/18/2024	Franklin Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,727.00	($39.70)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,687.30)
1/18/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$4,234.00	($70.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($4,164.00)
1/22/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$191.18	$0.00	$191.18	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/22/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$157.08	$0.00	$157.08	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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1/22/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$697.41	$0.00	$697.41	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1/23/2024	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,293.00	($71.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,222.00)
1/24/2024	Hopkinton Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,302.00	($67.30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,234.70)
1/24/2024	Hopkinton Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,515.00	($58.30)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($2,456.70)
1/24/2024	Belmont Police Department	Forfeiture	$9,692.00	($84.96)	$0.00	($883.45)	$3,976.02	($3,976.02)	($771.55)
2/2/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$33.96	$0.00	$33.96	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2/6/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$67.47	$0.00	$67.47	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2/6/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$206.57	$0.00	$206.57	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2/7/2024	Salem Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,100.00	($43.36)	$0.00	($105.66)	$475.49	($475.49)	$0.00
2/7/2024	Bow Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,115.00	($763.62)	$0.00	($35.14)	$158.12	($158.12)	$0.00
2/14/2024	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$3,039.56	($55.00)	$0.00	($298.46)	$1,343.05	($1,343.05)	$0.00
2/14/2024	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,527.00	($31.00)	$0.00	($149.60)	$673.20	($673.20)	$0.00
2/14/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$7,899.16	($31.00)	$0.00	($786.82)	$3,540.67	($3,540.67)	$0.00
2/22/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution/Correction	$412.01	$0.00	$547.01	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2/26/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$38.48	$0.00	$38.48	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2/29/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,754.00	($36.30)	$0.00	($171.76)	$772.97	($772.97)	$0.00
3/6/2024	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,306.00	($117.00)	$0.00	($118.90)	$535.05	($535.05)	$0.00
3/7/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$81.29	$0.00	$81.29	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3/7/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$163.43	$0.00	$163.43	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3/19/2024	Salem Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,370.00	($92.60)	$0.00	($127.74)	$574.83	($574.83)	$0.00
3/20/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$386.97	$0.00	$386.97	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3/20/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$99.71	$0.00	$99.71	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3/27/2024	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$1,261.00	($42.60)	$0.00	($121.84)	$1,096.56	$0.00	$0.00
3/27/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,146.00	($1,293.86)	$0.00	($85.22)	$383.46	($383.46)	$0.00
3/27/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,220.00	($46.30)	$0.00	($117.36)	$528.17	($528.17)	$0.00
3/27/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$2,904.00	($54.00)	$0.00	($285.00)	$1,282.50	($1,282.50)	$0.00
4/3/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$220.92	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4/3/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$491.45	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4/8/2024	Nashua Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,760.00	($36.00)	$0.00	($172.40)	$775.80	($775.80)	$0.00
4/19/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$192.82	$0.00	$192.82	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4/19/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$198.29	$0.00	$198.29	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4/22/2024	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($7,800.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4/23/2024	Drug Task Force	Forfeiture	$1,097.00	($81.78)	$0.00	($101.52)	$456.85	($456.85)	$0.00
4/25/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$1,302.00	$0.00	$1,302.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5/2/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5/2/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$239.03	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5/7/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$80.40	$0.00	$80.40	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5/10/2024	Manchester Police Department	Forfeiture	$12,293.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,229.30)	$5,531.85	($5,531.85)	$0.00

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5/16/2024	Claremont Police Deparrtment	Forfeiture	$4,456.00	($53.40)	$0.00	($440.26)	$1,981.17	($1,981.17)	$0.00
5/23/2024	Somersworth Police Department	Forfeiture	$1,090.00	($39.50)	$0.00	($105.04)	$472.73	($472.73)	$0.00
6/5/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$154.96	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6/14/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$210.07	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6/18/2024	Drug Task Force	Buy/Restitution	$0.00	($3,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6/28/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$433.26	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6/28/2027	Drug Task Force	Surplus	$5,280.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6/30/2024	Drug Task Force	Restitution	$207.70	$0.00	$207.70	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$194,688.75	($43,589.32)	$26,821.48	($5,335.47)	$24,558.49	($23,461.93)	($100,000.00)