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November 22, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety to accept and expend \$6,500.00 from the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of ballistic helmets for the sworn officers of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office Bureau of Investigations, effective upon Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

02-23-23-238010-69310000 Department of Safety – Div. of Fire Safety Grants

	FY2025 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	SFY2025 Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-400338-16 Federal Funds	(\$90,772.00)	(\$6,500.00)	(\$97,272.00)
020-500200 Current Expenses	\$80,682.00	6,500.00	\$87,182.00
041-500801 Audit Fund Set Aside	\$90.00	-	\$90.00
103-502664 Contracts for Operational Serv	\$10,000.00	-	\$10,000.00
	\$90,772.00	\$6,500.00	\$97,272.00

EXPLANATION

This purchase is to provide additional tactical gear and protection to our Investigators who face increased risks due to the evolving nature of public safety challenges. The members of the Bureau of Investigations are responsible for investigating fires, enforcing fire codes, and sometimes performing law enforcement duties. The decision to acquire ballistic helmets stems from the need to protect our officers during high-risk operations, such as working alongside police during active shooter incidents, or entering dangerous areas with heightened threat levels.

Ballistic helmets offer protection against gunfire, shrapnel, and other forms of impact, enhancing the overall safety of personnel. The addition of ballistic helmets to our personal protective equipment will bring the Fire Marshal's office in line with State Police. This purchase reflects our commitment to safeguard our employees as they perform duties that intersect with law enforcement, ensuring they are equipped to handle volatile situations safely.

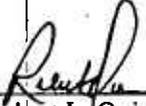
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Funds are to be budgeted in the following account:

Class 020 Funds are available to fund the purchase of protective equipment for the Fire
Marshal's Office.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

State of New Hampshire



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October 25, 2024

Sean Toomey, Director/State Fire Marshal
Division of Safety Service/Office of the (FMO)
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Re: 2022 State Agency Homeland Security Grant Awards – Ballistic Helmets

Dear Director Toomey,

On January 9, 2023, your division was approved for \$5,000.00 to enhancing your Homeland Security mission. As noted in your approved PCD, additional funding in the amount of \$6,500 has been added to your award to support the grant initiative. These funds expire on August 31, 2025.

These purchases must follow the same federal and state compliance requirements as the original award for the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Please complete the bottom portion that your agency acknowledges the grant fund amount increase and submit to Grants Management. A copy of the G&C item to accept and expend the new grant amount will also need to be submitted to Grants Management once approved.

We look forward to working with you as you enhance your capabilities in Homeland Security prevention, protection, response and recovery.

Very truly yours,

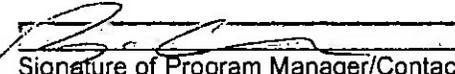
Kelly Chapman

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Grant Administrator

Cc: Brian Allard, Asst. Director


Signature of Authorized Official

10/20/24
Date


Signature of Program Manager/Contact

10/20/24
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