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May 14, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to accept and expend $80,000.00 of federal pass-through funds from the Department of Safety, Division of Administration to purchase deployable BitFire FirstNet Kits. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through August 31, 2025. Funding Source: **100% Intra-Agency Transfers**

Funds are to be budgeted in the following account:

02-23-23-234010-32530000 Dept. of Safety – Division of State Police – SP-Homeland Security Grants

Class	Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
004-408189-68	Intra-Agency Transfers	$ (991,095.38)	$ (80,000.00)	$ (1,071,095.38)
018-500106	Overtime	$ 67,410.37	$ -	$ 67,410.37
020-500200	Consumable Supplies	$ 17,097.42	$ -	$ 17,097.42
030-500320	Equipment	$ 551,429.23	$ -	$ 551,429.23
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	$ 44,000.00	$ 80,000.00	$ 124,000.00
038-500175	Technology-Software	$ 125,516.60	$ -	$ 125,516.60
060-500606	Benefits	$ 22,026.76	$ -	$ 22,026.76
066-500546	Employee Training	$ 117,365.00	$ -	$ 117,365.00
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Services	$ 46,250.00	$ -	$ 46,250.00
	Total	$ 991,095.38	$ 80,000.00	$ 1,071,095.38

EXPLANATION

The implementation of BitFire FirstNet Kits will significantly enhance the Division's operational capabilities by enabling secure, low-latency live video broadcasting across a range of critical units, including Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), the aviation unit, and the bomb squad. This advanced technology will allow these teams to operate more effectively in diverse and challenging environments, while providing command staff with real-time visual intelligence for faster, more informed decision-making.

In addition to meeting immediate operational needs, the BitFire FirstNet Kits establish a scalable platform for future enhancements in field communications. The technology supports seamless live video transmission to authorized personnel via mobile devices, laptops, Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), and local Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs). This ensures that situational awareness is maintained at all levels, improving coordination and response during high-stakes incidents.

To ensure a unified approach to implementation, the Division of State Police will partner with the Department of Safety's Division of Emergency Services and Communications, the State's lead agency for Emergency Support Function 2 (ESF-2: Communications). Together, we will deploy a more connected and adaptive communications framework that aligns with the evolving demands of public safety.

By investing in these kits, the Division is strengthening the state's ability to maintain a resilient, responsive communications infrastructure. This upgrade will directly enhance the performance of our UAS platforms and ground-based robotic systems, contributing to safer, more efficient, and more effective mission outcomes.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 037 Funds, Technology-Hardware, Funds are needed to purchase three (3) Bit Fire FirstNet Kits.

This grant was not budgeted in SFY 2025 because these funds were not anticipated or available during the development of the Department's SFY 24/25 biennial budget.

In the event that federal pass-through funds become no longer available, General Funds and/or Highway Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

Department of Safety
SP-Homeland Security Grants
Fiscal Situation

02-23-23-234010-32530000

Federal Funds Awarded:	
FFY 2022 - Forensic Cyber Investment - 9/1/2022-8/31/2025	$115,600.00
FFY 2022 - Operation Stone Garden - 9/1/2022-8/31/2025	$54,081.00
FFY 2022 - CBRNE Robotic Expansion and Upgrade - 9/1/2022-8/31/2025	$276,429.00
FFY 2022 - SET Shields/Helmets and Mobile Streaming Devices	$198,000.00
FFY 2023 - Web Threat Intelligence Service/Tool - 9/1/2023-8/31/2026	$100,000.00
FFY 2023 - SIU Software and SANS Training - 9/1/2023-8/31/2026	$58,740.00
FFY 2023 - Operation Stone Garden - 9/1/2023-8/31/2026	$47,615.00
FFY 2023 - SIU DVR Examiner - 9/1/2023-8/31/2026	$5,250.00
FFY 2024 - Operation Stone Garden - 9/1/2024-8/31/2027	$51,086.00
FFY 2024 - Web Threat Intelligence Service/Tool - 9/1/2024-8/31/2027	$75,000.00
FFY 2024 - UAS Detection Project - 9/1/2024-8/31/2027	$321,250.00
Total Grant Funds Awarded	**$1,303,051.00**
Less: SFY 2024 Expenditures on FFY 2022 Grants	**$51,576.44**
Less: SFY 2025 Current Adjusted Authorized	**$991,095.38**
Remaining excess grant funds available to appropriate	**$260,379.18**
This Request	**$80,000.00**

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April 25, 2025

Colonel Mark Hall
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Re: 2022 State Agency Homeland Security Grant Award – SERT Shields/Helmets and Mobile Streaming Devices

Dear Colonel Hall,

On April 25, 2025, your division was approved for $198,000.00 to enhance your Homeland Security mission. These HSGP funds expire on August 31, 2025.

Enclosed also is your federal grant terms and conditions, special conditions requirements, lobbying certification, sub-recipient information reporting form. All signature forms must be returned to the Grants Management Bureau within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a delay in reimbursement or cancellation of your grant award

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

Kelly Chapman
Grant Administrator

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January 6, 2023

Colonel Nathan Noyes
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Re: 2022 State Agency Homeland Security Grant Awards - NHSP

Dear Colonel Noyes

Congratulations! Your division has been approved for funding specific to enhancing your Homeland Security mission. It is crucial for compliance with federal regulations that all requirements associated with this grant are adhered to. There are specific special conditions attached to your grant award Terms and Conditions that will need to be followed to ensure grant compliance and reimbursement of costs as approved. These funds expire on August 31, 2025. All expenditures must be completed 30 days in advance of this date.

The following funds have been awarded for specific equipment applied for by the NH State Police:

2022 State Homeland Security Program award is for the following:

Web Threat Intel Via SIU/IAC	**$75,000.00**
Counter Terrorism Intelligence Analyst via IAC	**$75,000.00**
Forensic Cyber Investment via SIU/IAC	**$115,600.00**
CBRNE Robotic Expansion & Upgrade via EOD	**$276,429.00**
Operation StoneGarden (OPSG)*	**$54,081.00**

AWARD

Attached are the grant terms and conditions, special conditions, lobbying and assurances, and FFATA form. Please initial each page and complete and sign the last page of the grant terms and conditions. Also, please fill out the FFATA form and return both forms to GMU **no later than January 27, 2023** These 2022 State Homeland Security funds will expire on August 31, 2025. All expenditures must be made and invoiced 30 days prior to that date (by July 31, 2025).

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November 17, 2023

Colonel Mark Hall
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
Concord , NH 03305

Re: 2023 State Agency Homeland Security Grant Awards

Dear Colonel Hall,

Congratulations! Your division has been approved for funding specific to enhancing your Homeland Security mission. It is crucial for compliance with federal regulations that all requirements associated with this grant are adhered to. There are specific special conditions attached to your grant award Terms and Conditions that will need to be followed to ensure grant compliance and reimbursement of costs as approved. These funds expire on August 31, 2026. All expenditures must be completed 30 days in advance of this date.

2023 State Homeland Security Program award is for the following:

Web Threat Intelligence Service/Tool $100,000.00

AWARD

Attached are the grant terms and conditions, special conditions, lobbying and assurances, and FFATA form. Please initial each page and complete and sign the last page of the grant terms and conditions. Also, please fill out the FFATA form and return both forms to GMB **no later than December 17, 2023.** These 2023 State Homeland Security funds must have all expenditures made and invoiced by July 31, 2026.

All grants awarded from the FFY23 Homeland Security Grant Program (and any future grants through the Homeland Security Grant Program) require a process which involves a federal revenue transfer from our account into the awardee's account(s). This will require your office to process a G&C item to accept and expend if you have not budgeted for the receipt of these Federal Homeland grant funds in your current budget. This action will need to be coordinated with my office so we are aware of your plan and can update our records accordingly for future reimbursement planning.

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November 17, 2023

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2023 State Homeland Security Program award is for the following:

Forensic Cyber Investment -SIU Software and SANS Training $58,740.00

AWARD

Attached are the grant terms and conditions, special conditions, lobbying and assurances, and FFATA form. Please initial each page and complete and sign the last page of the grant terms and conditions. Also, please fill out the FFATA form and return both forms to GMB **no later than December 17, 2023**. These 2023 State Homeland Security funds must have all expenditures made and invoiced by July 31, 2026.

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July 1, 2024

Colonel Mark Hall
Tammy Holso, Administrator
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Re: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program Award – Operation StoneGarden (OPSG)
The OPSG Grant period expires 8/31/26.

Dear Colonel Hall,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the NH State Police has been awarded $47,615.00 apportioned as outlined in the attached Approved Items Checklist. These funds are awarded under the OPSG portion of the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). All activities must be in coordination with Coos County as the lead agency and the US DHS CBP. Because the NH Department of Safety must seek approval of the Governor and Executive Council and the NH Department of Justice to finalize this grant, we must receive the signed grant award documents from you as soon as possible.

No work can begin until your agency receives written notification from the Grants Management Bureau (GMB) stating you are OK to Proceed. Furthermore, no reimbursements will be made for eligible activities until this process is complete and all required reporting has been received by GMB.

Please complete all documentation by July 31, 2024 and return to: Holly.L.Boisvert@dos.nh.gov

These grant awards are subject to federal program requirements and special conditions. Enclosed are your federal grant terms and conditions, special conditions requirements, lobbying certification, and MOA with Coos County forms.

Sincerely,

Kelly Chapman

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Grant Administrator

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November 17, 2023

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Re: 2023 State Agency Homeland Security Grant Awards

Dear Colonel Hall,

Congratulations! Your division has been approved for funding specific to enhancing your Homeland Security mission. It is crucial for compliance with federal regulations that all requirements associated with this grant are adhered to. There are specific special conditions attached to your grant award Terms and Conditions that will need to be followed to ensure grant compliance and reimbursement of costs as approved. These funds expire on August 31, 2026. All expenditures must be completed 30 days in advance of this date.

2023 State Homeland Security Program award is for the following:

Forensic Cyber Investment- SIU - DVR Examiner $5,250.00

AWARD

Attached are the grant terms and conditions, special conditions, lobbying and assurances, and FFATA form. Please initial each page and complete and sign the last page of the grant terms and conditions. Also, please fill out the FFATA form and return forms to GMB **no later than December 17, 2023.** These 2023 State Homeland Security funds must have all expenditures made and invoiced by July 31, 2026.

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November 27, 2024

Colonel Mark Hall
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
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Re: 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Award - Operation StoneGarden (OPSG)

Dear Colonel Hall,

It is my pleasure to inform you that upon review of your 2024 Homeland Security Grant Application, the NH State Police been awarded $51,086.00. This grant award expires on August 31, 2027 (*see special conditions). There are no guarantees for funding beyond this timeframe, however we do anticipate 2025 funds being available should you choose to continue with this program.

Enclosed also is your Grant Agreement, federal grant terms and conditions, special conditions requirements, lobbying certification, sub-recipient information reporting form and acceptance of audit requirement forms. All signature forms must be returned to the Grants Management Bureau within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter. Special conditions requirements must be responded to within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter. In addition, this project must be implemented within 90 days following the grant award effective date or be subject to automatic cancellation of the grant. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a delay in reimbursement or cancellation of your grant award.

Additional information is also available at https://www.dos.nh.gov/grants We, at the Department of Safety, look forward to this opportunity to work diligently with local first responders, public safety officials, and other local and state officials and agencies to prepare and protect our citizens.

Sincerely,

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CC: Tammy Holso, Administrator

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October 22, 2024

Colonel Mark Hall
NH State Police
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Re: 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Award- Web Threat Intelligence

Dear Colonel Hall,

It is my pleasure to inform you that upon review of your 2024 Homeland Security Grant Application, the ***NH State Police*** has been awarded $75,000. This grant award expires on August 31, 2027 (*see special conditions). There are no guarantees for funding beyond this timeframe, however we do anticipate 2025 funds being available should you choose to continue with this program.

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Sgt. Thomas Phelan
Tammy Holso

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October 22, 2024

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Re: 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Award - Special Event UAS Detection Project

Dear Colonel Hall

It is my pleasure to inform you that upon review of your 2024 Homeland Security Grant Application, the ***NH State Police*** has been awarded $321,250. This grant award expires on August 31, 2027 (*see special conditions). There are no guarantees for funding beyond this timeframe, however we do anticipate 2025 funds being available should you choose to continue with this program.

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