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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to accept and expend \$34,140 of federal pass-through funds from the NH Department of Justice for the purchase of auditing, inspecting, and certification of the State Police Forensic Lab. Effective upon Governor & Council approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Fed Rev Xfers from Other Agencies.**

Funds are available in FY2027 in the following account:

02-23-23-234010-31310000 – Coverdell NFSIA Grant

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>	<u>Revised Appropriation</u>
00D-407036-44	Fed Rev Xfers from Other Agencies	\$ (6,401)	\$ (34,140)	\$ (40,541)
040-501587	Indirect Cost	\$ 541	\$ -	\$ 541
066-500546	Employee Training	\$ 1,625	\$ -	\$ 1,625
080-500710	Out-Of-State Travel	\$ 4,235	\$ -	\$ 4,235
103-500737	Contract for Operational Services	\$ -	\$ 34,140	\$ 34,140
	Total	\$ 6,401	\$ 34,140	\$ 40,541

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic services within the State. This grant funding will support funding the laboratory's required independent auditing, inspection, and certification services necessary to maintain accreditation and compliance with applicable professional standards. In addition, these funds will provide continuing education and specialized professional training for forensic personnel assigned to the Firearms/Toolmarks, Identification, Management, and Quality Assurance sections. Ongoing training ensures that laboratory staff remain current with evolving forensic methodologies, emerging technologies, best practices, and accreditation requirements, thereby enhancing the quality, consistency, and reliability of forensic services provided throughout the State. Maintaining nationally recognized standards of quality, accuracy, and reliability is essential to ensuring the integrity of forensic analyses and the admissibility of evidence in court.

Additional funds are to be budgeted as follows:

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Funds in Class 103, Contracts for Operational Services, are needed to pay for a contract for auditing, inspecting, and certification of the State Police Forensic Lab.

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,



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Commissioner of Safety