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July 30, 2026

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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Justice (DOJ) to amend an existing subgrant with the Belmont Police Department, Belmont, NH, (Vendor #177361-B001), for the Comprehensive, Opioid, Stimulant, Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP), from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, by increasing the price limitation amount by \$7,453.86 from \$433,992.12 to \$441,445.98, with no change to the completion date, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2026. The original agreement was approved by Governor and Executive Council on June 1, 2022, Item #123, and subsequently amended on May 29, 2024, Item #005U, September 17, 2025, Item #99, and January 28, 2026, Item #101. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Swift Sanctions Grant, as follows:

	<u>FY2027</u>
02-20-20-201510-58970000-072-500574 – Grants Federal	\$7,453.86

EXPLANATION

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, COSSAP funding is specifically designed to help lower recidivism rates of overdose victims and provide support to families of those struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) through enhancing and expanding the Prevention, Enforcement, and Treatment (PET) program. This program funds dedicated police officers to respond to overdose calls to provide resources. These officers can assist individuals suffering from SUD, and affected family members, by connecting them with needed resources. The officers also focus on child family members to identify adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) with a goal of preventing children from becoming future users.

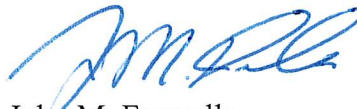
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Some police departments involved in this project have faced staffing shortages, which has delayed implementation of the PET Program in those communities. Because of these challenges, some departments have de-obligated funds, making those funds available for other agencies to use. The Belmont Police Department is requesting additional funding to maintain its full-time PET Officer position through the end of the grant period, currently set to conclude on September 30, 2026.

In the event that federal funds are no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT (the "Amendment") is entered into and effective as of the Effective Date (defined below) by and between as of the NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ("State") and the BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT ("Subrecipient"). State and Subrecipient are sometimes referred to herein singularly as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into the Grant Agreement as approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire on June 1, 2022 at Item # 123 (the "Agreement"), wherein the State agreed grant, and Subrecipient agreed to accept, certain sums upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Paragraph 20 of the Agreement, the Parties wish to amend the terms and conditions of the Agreement as further specified herein;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration exchanged, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby conclusively acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Amendment to Block 1.8. The Grant Limitation as set forth in Block 1.8 of the Agreement is to increase from \$433,992.12 to \$441,445.98.
2. Amendment to Exhibit C. Awarded amount as set forth in Paragraph 3(a) of Exhibit C to the Agreement is to increase from \$433,992.12 to \$441,445.98.
3. Effect of Amendment. Except as provided in this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes.
4. Construction. The recitals set forth at the outset of this Amendment are a part of this Amendment, as fully as if set forth in their entirety in the body hereof. The captions or headings in this Amendment are for ease of reference only, and no caption or heading shall affect in any way the interpretation, meaning, or construction of this Amendment. Capitalized terms that are not defined within the text of this Amendment shall have the same meanings respectively ascribed to them in the Agreement.
5. Effective Date. The terms and conditions of this Amendment shall become effective on the date that it is approved the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire (the "Effective Date").
6. Counterparts: Facsimile and Electronic Signatures. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Amendment. A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature on this Amendment shall be equivalent to, and have the same force and effect as,

an original signature. In accordance with the New Hampshire Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, RSA 294-E:1 *et seq.*, the Parties hereby agree that this Amendment may be signed electronically, including any exhibits, schedules, addenda, or other attachments referenced herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment as of the date adjacent to their respective signatures set forth below.

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: 
Authorized Representative

7/30/2026
Date

Stephen Armstrong
Name of Authorized Representative

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By: Thomas D. Kaempfer
Thomas D. Kaempfer, Director of Administration

7/30/26
Date

Approved by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution)

By: Mary Ann Dempsey

7/30/26
Date

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman Board of Selectmen, hereby certify that:
(Name of the Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official)

1. I am a duly elected Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official) of Town of Belmont.
(Municipality Name)

2. I hereby certify that Police Chief Stephen Akerstrom is authorized on behalf of this municipality to enter into the
(Authorized Signatory)

said contract with the State and to execute any and all documents, agreements, and other instruments; and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable, or appropriate.

3. I hereby certify that this authority has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract/contract amendment/agreement to which this certificate is attached. This authority **remains valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Certificate of Authority. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupies the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the municipality. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the municipality in contracts or other agreements with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

Dated: 7/30/2026



Signature of Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official
Name: Ruth P. Mooney
Title: Chairman Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 30, 2026, 8:30 am

Town Hall Conference Room

Present were Chairman Ruth P. Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Sharon Ciampi, TA Alicia Jipson, and Police Chief Akerstrom.

Absent: Selectman Mark Lewandoski and Selectman Travis O'Hara.

COSSAP Grant Funding: Previously this grant was extended but we are now at the point that the additional funds are running out by the end of July. We asked the NHDOJ if there were any more funds available now, and if there is an excess. They gave us an extra \$7,453.86 which will be funded through September 30th. Discussion was had about what will happen beyond September 30th, and Chief responded that Mr. Bryant will have to go to PT and be funded through the PT line in the budget. The NHDOJ is applying to extend the grant another 3 years, and the Town will also apply to the grant again for another 3-year period if granted. We do not know if that will be extended or not at this point in time.

Chairman Mooney moved to amend the current FY22 COSSAP Grant from the NHDOJ from \$433,992.12 to \$441,445.98 with a completion date of September 30, 2026, and to give Police Chief Steve Akerstrom authority to sign the amended Grant Agreement and all other associated documents; seconded by Selectman Pike. Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Adjournment:

Selectman Pike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am seconded by Selectman Ciampi. Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approved by the Board ____/____/2026:

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

Travis O'Hara, Vice Chairman

Jon Pike, Selectman

Sharon Ciampi, Selectman

Mark Lewandoski, Selectman

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex³ is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³ Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex³. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

Participating Member: Town of Belmont 143 Main Street PO Box 310 Belmont, NH 03220		Member Number: 117	Company Affording Coverage: NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex ³ PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716	
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Type of Coverage	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
☒ General Liability (Occurrence Form) Professional Liability (describe) ☐ Claims Made ☐ Occurrence	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
			General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
			Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
			Med Exp (Any one person)	
☐ Automobile Liability Deductible Comp and Coll: \$1,000 ☐ Any auto			Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	
			Aggregate	
☒ Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	☒ Statutory	
			Each Accident	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Each Employee	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Policy Limit	
☐ Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)			Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	

Description: Proof of Primex Member coverage only.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:	Additional Covered Party	Loss Payee	Primex³ – NH Public Risk Management Exchange By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i> Date: 7/28/2026 mpurcell@nhprimex.org Please direct inquiries to: Primex³ Claims/Coverage Services 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax
State of New Hampshire Department of Justice 1 Granite Place South Concord, NH 03301			