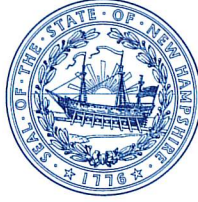


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August 24, 2026

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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to amend a subgrant with the Department of Safety, Concord, NH (Vendor #311206-B001), approved by the Governor and Executive Council on April 23, 2025, Item #133 and amended on October 29, 2025, Item# 56, by extending the end date only from September 30, 2026 to September 30, 2027, with no change to the price limitation of \$2,574,975, for the purpose of assisting local law enforcement gain access to the New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) State Messaging Platform (SMP), addressing the paper fingerprint backlog, and for funding an independent audit of its criminal record system, effective upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The NCHIP grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, provides states with direct funding and technical assistance to improve the quality, timeliness, and accessibility of criminal history records. These improvements support national record systems and enhance the effectiveness of background checks by ensuring records are accurate, complete, and interoperable across states. A complete record requires the integration of data from all parts of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and corrections.

Additional time is needed to complete preapproved goals and objectives under this grant program. Since there are multiple programs involved with this grant program, there have been delays in the start of the implementation of each program, necessitating the need for an extension. Funding continues to be available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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In the event that federal funds become no longer available, no general funds will be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Formella', written in a cursive style.

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Attorney General

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2nd AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT TO THE INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (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 NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (“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 The “Agreement”) as approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire on April 23, 2025, Item # 133 and amended on October, 29, 2025, Item # 56 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 Paragraph 4. The grant Completion Date is extended from 9/30/2026 to 9/30/2027. Any and all reference to 9/30/2026 is the agreement including Exhibits must be replaced by 9/30/2027.

2. 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.

3. 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.

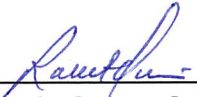
4. Effective Date. The terms and conditions of this Amendment shall become effective on the date that it is approved the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire (the “Effective Date”).

5. 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.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

By:  4/30/26
Robert, L. Quinn, Commissioner
Authorized Representative Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By: Thomas D. Kaempfer 5/1/26
Thomas Kaempfer
Director of Administration Date

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

By: Christen Lavers 5/10/26
Date