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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

The Department of Justice was awarded \$3,422,400 in federal funds under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program. Upon your approval to accept and expend these funds, the Department of Justice issued a Request For Applications (RFA) targeted to first responder agencies. Allowable costs, under this funding, are to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)."

More than fifteen applications have been received. Several applications are being reconsidered by the applying departments and may be resubmitted in the future. One application from the Manchester Police Department was already approved by you. Below are nine applications recommended for your approval. If you approve all of the recommended grant amounts below, the total amount approved to date will be \$875,627.90. The remaining amount left to grant will be \$2,546,772.10.

The nine applications outlined below are recommended for your approval:

1. The Manchester Fire Department submitted an application for funding in the amount of \$78,041.12. In the Manchester Fire Department's request, it explains that local homeless shelters have seen a decline in the homeless population in their facilities but have also seen a sharp increase in the population of homeless encampments in neighborhoods throughout the City. Due to this change, the Manchester Fire Department will provide two mobile emergency medical technicians to assist in the prevention, preparation, and response of the spread of COVID-19 within the homeless encampments. Two members of the Fire Department will devote eight hours per day, seven days a week, for eight weeks to this effort.
2. The Concord Fire Department submitted an application requesting funds, in the amount of \$56,418.85, to purchase three ventilators for its ambulances, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and supplies for a temporary quarantine shelter for Fire Department personnel.
3. The Town of Hudson requests funds, in the amount of \$34,598.91, for overtime for Fire Department personnel incurred in response to activating the town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and for decontamination and disinfecting supplies.

4. The Wolfeboro Police Department requests funds, in the amount of \$23,864.60, for overtime costs due to extra shifts needed for increased tourism traffic in the downtown area, incurred overtime for the set-up of an Alternative Care Site, hazardous duty pay for non-sworn personnel, and disinfecting supplies for the police station and cruisers.

5. The Keene Fire Department request funds, in the amount of \$84,130.31, to purchase ventilators and IV pumps for its three ambulances along with PPE for first responders. Keene Fire provides ambulance service for the towns of Roxbury, Chesterfield, Nelson, Spofford, Surry, and Westmoreland. Keene is only one of two agencies in the area that have paramedic support, and neither agency currently has ventilators.

6. The Bedford Fire Department requests funds, in the amount of \$87,600.98, to purchase ventilators for its ambulance, a UV disinfecting machine for fire apparatus, and an emergency portable shelter that will be utilized to provide COVID testing at nursing homes in town and employee decontamination if needed. The portable shelter will be made available to other surrounding towns as requested.

7. The New Hampshire Liquor Commission, Enforcement Division, requests funds, in the amount of \$99,868, for reimbursement of PPE supplies for all of its investigators.


8. The 45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services requests funds, in the amount of \$52,442.72, to purchase four ventilators for its ambulance fleet along with the associated equipment.

9. The Hooksett Fire Department requests funds, in the amount of \$58,736, for overtime staffing to operate an additional ambulance, along with PPE and sanitizing supplies.

The Grants Management Unit at the Department of Justice received, reviewed, and approved the above applications. The Unit's recommendation for approval was forwarded to me, and I approved it. Pursuant to the RSA 21-P:43 and RSA 4:45, your approval of the Department of Justice's recommendation is required. The Department of Justice recommends that you approve the applications listed in this letter for grant funding in the total amount of \$575,701.49.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attorney General