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To: The Honorable Christopher T. Sununu
Governor of the State of New Hampshire

The Honorable Donna Soucy
President, of the NH Senate

The Honorable Stephen Shurtleff
Speaker of the NH House of Representatives

From: John Barthelmes, Commissioner; NH Dept. of Safety

CC: Richard Bailey, Jr. and Robert Quinn, Assistant Commissioners of Safety
Michael W. Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant
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Re: Reporting on Local progress with RSA 21-P:66
SAF-C 2900 Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative

As of January 15, 2019:

A total of \$1,200,000 was awarded to Counties and Municipalities across New Hampshire to conduct Opioid enforcement activities in accordance with RSA 21-P:66. A summary of YTD activities is below:

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Belknap County	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$25,000
Berlin	30,000	3,350	\$26,650
Carroll County	15,000	5,262	9,738
Concord	65,000	22,783	42,217
Franklin	5,000	0	5,000
Hillsborough County	80,000	12,872	67,128
Keene	30,000	12,318	17,682
Laconia	50,000	3,844	46,156
Lebanon	5,000	0	5,000

Manchester	440,733	118,340	322,393
Nashua	261,767	99,387	162,380
Newport	7,500	0	7,500
Portsmouth	35,000	0	35,000
Rockingham County	70,000	12,091	57,909
Strafford County	80,000	34,620	45,380
Total Awards to Locals/Counties	\$1,200,000	\$324,867	\$875,133

The Total Arrests for this program as reported through 12/31/2018 = 264. Please see page 5 for seizure activities.

Additional Efforts:

The sum of \$1,155,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Safety for the purpose of hiring 5 additional state troopers who shall be assigned exclusively to perform drug interdiction work in accordance with the cross border drug interdiction program established in RSA 21-P:68. Of the amount appropriated, \$700,000 shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and \$455,000 shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 1/15/2019	Balance
Personal Services Perm Class	\$ 267,552	\$ 168,105	\$ 99,447
Current Expenses	1,000	23	997
Benefits	174,472	81,153	93,319
In State Travel Reimbursement	11,976	19,713	0
Totals	\$ 455,000	\$ 261,257	\$ 193,743

The sum of \$940,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 is hereby appropriated to the department of safety. This sum shall be expended in the biennium ending June 30, 2019 as follows:

- (a) \$352,300 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime for the NH State Police (NHSP) Mobile Enforcement Team (MET), with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year (\$176,150).
- The amount of seized heroin and fentanyl-class drugs by the NHSP MET team totaled 9,261 grams which equates to approximately 308,700 dosage units that were removed from distribution.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 1/15/2019	Balance
Overtime	\$ 134,589	\$ 103,293	\$ 31,296
Benefits	41,561	31,897	9,664
Totals	\$ 176,150	\$ 135,190	\$ 40,960

- This chart illustrates attributed drug seizures and activity for the MET team from 7/01/18 – 12/31/18 with Granite Shield funds:

Granite Shield 7/01/18 – 12/31/18	NH State Police Mobile Enforcement Team (MET)
Search Warrants	20
Arrests	73
Heroin/Fentanyl Grams	9261
Cocaine Powder Grams	576
Crack Grams	221
Crystal Meth Grams	1391
Meth Powder Grams	1
Marijuana/THC Grams	1496
Butane Honey Oil Grams	101
Pills Controlled Narcotic	1
Total Pills Number	2867
Currency USD	\$104,249
Firearms	34
Vehicles	1

(b) \$171,600 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state forensic lab as a result of increased caseloads attributable to the cross border drug interdiction program established in RSA 21-P:68, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year.

- The State Police Forensic Laboratory's Controlled Drug section added an additional temporary full-time drug chemist during CY2018. This combined with the availability of Operation Granite Shield overtime has increased the number of cases analyzed per month and has allowed the laboratory to maintain the backlog of cases awaiting analysis to 450. This equates to an approximate 1 month backlog vs. 8 months prior to Operation Granite Shield and the addition of analytical staff. Over 700 cases in the Controlled Drug Section and 500 cases in the Toxicology Section were analyzed with the extra hours.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 1/15/2019	Balance
Overtime	\$ 71,619	\$ 54,961	\$ 16,658
Benefits	14,181	10,855	3,326
Totals	\$ 85,800	\$ 65,816	\$ 19,984

(c) \$416,100 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the NH State Police Narcotics and Investigations Unit (NIU) as a result of increased caseloads attributable to the cross border drug interdiction program established in RSA 21-P:68, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year.

- The amount of seized heroin and fentanyl-class drugs from the NHSP NIU totaled 559 grams which equates to approximately 18,630 dosage units that were removed from distribution.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 1/15/2019	Balance
Overtime	\$ 158,962	\$ 31,711	\$ 127,251
Benefits	49,087	9,792	39,295
Totals	\$ 208,049	\$ 41,503	\$ 166,546

- This chart illustrates attributed drug seizures and related activity with Granite Shield funds:

Granite Shield 8/06/18 – 12/31/18	NH State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU)
Arrests	4
Drugs Seized:	
Crack Cocaine	35 grams
Fentanyl	13 pills
Fentanyl	508 grams
Heroin	30 grams
Heroin-Fentanyl	20 grams
Oxycodone	4 grams
Oxycodone	8 pills
Methamphetamine	1 gram
Marijuana	112 grams
Search Warrants	1

Information regarding Local Granite Shield efforts enumerated on Page 5:

- Seized drug samples analyzed by the State Police Forensic Laboratory during the 2nd half of 2018 show that fentanyl-class compounds continue to exist in over 25% of the cases coming into the laboratory. The chart highlights the breakdown of those cases seized in conjunction with *Operation Granite Shield* and totals over 916 grams of heroin and/or fentanyl-class drugs. This further equates to approximately 30,500 dosage units that were seized prior to being distributed throughout New Hampshire. Many of these doses may have resulted in overdoses or deaths of New Hampshire citizens. Methamphetamine submissions (mostly in the crystalline or “ice” form) have continued to be submitted in large numbers and not only exceeded 2017 submissions, but for the first time, methamphetamine surpassed cocaine as the 3rd most common drug that is analyzed in the Forensic Laboratory, behind fentanyl and pharmaceuticals.

2019 Granite Shield Grant Cycle Data
8/6/2018 through 12/31/2018

	Totals	Belknap County DTF	Berlin	Carroll County DTF	Concord	Franklin	Hillsborough County DTF	Keene	Laconia	Lebanon	Manchester	Nashua	Newport	Portsmouth	Rockingham County DTF	Strafford County DTF
Arrests	264	0	1	6	14	0	10	6	1	0	78	115	2	3	2	26
Alprazolam Pills	57										26	31				
Amphetamine Pills	9											9				
Cash Seized	\$11,270		\$3,000		\$1,200							\$7,070				
Clonazepam Pills	18											18				
Cocaine in Grams	41		3		21		6					4				7
Crack Cocaine in Grams	207							46			142	18				1
Fentanyl in Grams	432				15		31	72	1		272			19	17	5
Fentanyl Pills	21										21					
Gabapentin Pills	302											302				
Heroin in Grams	205		20	2			18		2		13	47	100		3	
Heroin and/or Fentanyl in Grams	258	2	2		57			3			26	102			65	1
Marijuana in Grams	340			113	12							213				2
Methamphetamine in Grams	161				138		2					10		10		1
Oxycodone Pills	33										20	13				
Paraphernalia	See Below															
Percocet Pills	7										2	5				
Suboxone Pills	29										9				20	
Suboxone Strips	60										30	30				
Tramadol Pills	24											24				
Weapons	See Below				2-handguns									1-knife		
Unknown Pills	53		50									3				
Xanax Pills	64										64					

Various items of paraphernalia were seized ie. ledgers, scales, packaging materials, and other drug consumption articles during this reporting period

Concord PD seized two handguns w/ several rounds this reporting period