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To: Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs

From: Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner

Re: Announcement of SFY2023 Competitive Local Grant Application Period for the Substance Abuse Reduction initiative

I am pleased to announce the availability of the State grant funds made available by legislative appropriation RSA 21-P:66-68 and signed into law by Governor Sununu. The purpose of this grant is to support the implementation of drug enforcement operations/initiatives to combat the misuse and abuse of narcotics throughout the state. The misuse of these substances have resulted in a significant year over year increase of drug related overdoses and deaths and related crimes.

The grant will provide local law enforcement and county law enforcement agencies, as well as, regionalized agency coalitions specifically developed for this project, the resources to identify, investigate, and apprehend individuals and/or organizations that are involved in narcotics-related drug use and trafficking. In addition, resources will be provided to ensure that the Forensics Laboratory has the assets, means and capacity to analyze the controlled drugs seized as evidence and required for and by Courts.

Program Goals

- Reduce narcotics sales and abuse which are causing the increase in overdoses and deaths and a rise in more serious crimes
- Support local and county law enforcement with the continuation and expansion of successful partnership patrols and joint narcotics enforcement operations
- Enhance and improve information gathering and sharing among state, local, and county law enforcement through the statewide Information and Analysis Center (IAC) and the locally embedded Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO).

All funds awarded must be in line with one or more of the above investments. ****Please note that this grant will need to be expended prior to June 30, 2023. Please budget appropriately.**

Competitive Grant Applications will be available at:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/SubstanceAbuseGrants.html>

Competitive Grant applications will be due August 19, 2022 at noon via email ONLY to: HomelandGrants@dos.nh.gov.

We look forward to assisting you with the Substance Abuse Reduction grant process. Please contact the Grants Management Bureau at 271-7663 to speak with Pam Urban-Morin of the Grants Management Bureau for more information.