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To: The Honorable Kelly A. Ayotte
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The Honorable Sharon Carson
President of the NH Senate

The Honorable Sherman Packard
Speaker of the NH House of Representatives

From: Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner; NH Dept. of Safety

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CC: Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner of Safety
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Re: Reporting on Progress with RSA 21-P:66 and RSA 21-P:68

As of December 31, 2024:

A total of \$833,684 was awarded to Counties and Municipalities across New Hampshire to conduct substance abuse enforcement activities in accordance with RSA 21-P:66. A summary of activities via expenditure is summarized below. *Expenditures are contingent on reimbursement requests from recipient; as of December 31, 2024, all reimbursement requests received have been processed and are captured in the total reported expenditures.*

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Berlin Police Department	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Concord Police Department	\$40,000	\$0	40,000

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Keene Police Department	\$25,000	\$0	25,000
Laconia Police Department	\$25,000	\$1,255	\$23,745
Manchester Police Department	\$375,000	\$0	\$0
Nashua Police Department	\$233,684	\$0	\$0
Newport Police Department	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Pittsfield Police Department	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Rockingham County Sheriff	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
Strafford County Sheriff	\$40,000	\$0	\$638
Total	\$833,684	\$1,255	\$832,429

Program awards were made in the late fall of 2024 with many operations starting in late October-November 2024. Expenditures and activities are expected to increase in during future reporting periods. Please see pages 4-5 for a summary table of all seizure activities.

Below is a summary table of arrests made by the Counties and Municipalities with the use of Granite Shield (GS) funds:

Grant Recipient	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests	Total Arrests
Berlin Police Department	0	0	0
Concord Police Department	0	0	0
Keene Police Department	1	0	1
Laconia Police Department	1	0	1
Manchester Police Department	6	0	6
Nashua Police Department	13	0	13
Newport Police Department	20	0	20
Pittsfield Police Department	1	2	3
Rockingham County Sheriff	1	0	1
Strafford County Sheriff	10	0	10
Totals	53	2	55

Additional New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Funding:

Chapter 79:131 L'23 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program; Appropriations.
 I. The sum of \$408,297 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Safety. This sum shall be expended as follows:
 (a) \$119,217 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state forensic laboratory as a result of increased caseloads attributable to narcotics related enforcement and investigations with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/2024	Balance
Overtime - Lab staff	\$98,121	\$77,525	\$20,596
Benefits	\$21,096	\$19,914	\$1,182
Totals	\$119,217	\$69,707	\$49,510

(b) \$289,080 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state police for narcotics related enforcement and investigations with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

Class Description	FY25 Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/2024	Balance
Overtime - Troopers	\$125,813	\$34,549	\$91,264
Benefits	\$18,685	\$12,378	\$6,307
Totals	\$144,498	\$46,927	\$97,571

RSA 21-P:68 Cross Border Drug Interdiction Program:

In accordance with RSA 21-P:68, the Commissioner of Safety established a cross-border drug interdiction program which consists of state troopers and Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU) detectives to perform drug interdiction work targeted at, but not limited to, stemming the flow of illegal drugs into the state of New Hampshire. The Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) efforts are aimed at combating the opioid crisis facing the state through the collaborative efforts of uniform, investigative, and forensics lab services in an ongoing, cross-border enforcement activity. A summary of expenditures is presented below:

Class Description	Adjusted Authorized	Expenses and Encumbrances	Balance
Salaries	\$723,179	\$243,145	\$480,034
Overtime	\$336,000	\$108,152	\$227,848
Current Expenses	\$68,903	\$29,169	\$39,734
Rents -Leases Other Than Sta	\$257,725	\$10,038	\$247,687

Class Description	Adjusted Authorized	Expenses and Encumbrances	Balance
Intra-Agency Transfers	\$2,434	\$0	\$2,434
Equipment New Replacement	\$531,602	\$434,178	\$97,424
Telecommunications	\$6,000	\$2,083	\$3,917
Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$7,134	\$5,165	\$1,969
Transfer To Other State Agencies	\$391	\$391	\$0
Benefits	\$471,839	\$140,579	\$331,260
Employee Training	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
In/Out Travel	\$17,500	\$11,094	\$6,406
Contracts For Op Services	\$25,036	\$22,787	\$2,249
TOTALS	\$2,452,743	\$1,010,781	\$1,441,962

Activity Reports – 7/1/24 – 12/31/24

The following chart illustrates the Mobile Enforcement Team's drug seizures and activity from 7/01/24 – 12/31/24 without Granite Shield (GS) funds. MET has been on numerous joint operations with Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU) while GS funds were utilized to pay NIU, but MET was paid with other funds during those operations.

FY 2024 NHSP MET Team Activity <i>July 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024</i>	
Arrests	73
US Currency	\$1,500
Arrests- Possession Narcotics - Felony	15
Arrests - Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	20
Weapons/guns	3
Crack Cocaine	404 grams
Cocaine	5,455.6 grams
Fentanyl	4,136.1 grams (206,805 doses)
Methamphetamine Crystal	16,109.9 grams (161,099 doses)
Psilocybin Mushrooms	2.5 grams
Butane Honey Oil	1.5 grams
Marijuana	793.5 grams
Unknown Pills	1,696
Motor Vehicle Seizure	1
Total Value of Drugs/Currency Seized this period	\$2,578,970.60

FY 2024 Granite Shield NHSP NIU Activity <i>July 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024</i>	
Arrests	8
Arrests - Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	8
Cocaine	509 grams
Crack Cocaine	1 gram
Fentanyl	5 grams (250 doses)
Methamphetamine	3,150.96 grams (31,510 doses)

- Various items of paraphernalia were seized (e.g., ledgers, scales, packaging materials and other drug consumption articles) during this reporting period.

FY 2025 Granite Shield Participant's Data
July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Agency Name	Berlin Police Department	Concord Police Department	Keene Police Department	Laconia Police Department	Manchester Police Department	Mobile Enforcement Team (MET)	Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU)	Nashua Police Department	Newport Police Department	Pittsfield Police Department	Rockingham County Sheriff	Stafford County Sheriff
Totals												
Arrests	136	0	0	1	1	6	73	8	13	20	3	10
Joint Arrests	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	2	0	5
Firearms Seized	19	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	6	4	0
Currency - USD	1,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	1,500.00	0	0	0	0	0
ALPRAZOLAM, Doses	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
ALPRAZOLAM, Pill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
AMPHETAMINE, Grams	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.8	0	0	0	0
AMPHETAMINE, Pill	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
BUPRENORPHINE, Pill	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
BUPRENORPHINE, Strip	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Butane Honey Oil, Grams	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0
COCAINE, Grams	6,159.9	0	0	85	0	11.5	5,455.60	509	2.7	62	20	5.1
CRACK/COCAINE, Grams	458.7	0	0	0	0	39.5	404	1	3.7	8.5	0	2
FENTANYL, Grams	4,817.48	0	0	0	1	0	4,136.10	5	14.98	598	0	7.4
GABAPENTIN, Pill	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
HEROIN, Grams	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
HEROIN/FENTANYL, Grams	10.8	0	0	0	0	10.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARIJUANA, Grams	823.7	0	0	0	0	28.2	793.5	0	1	0	0	1
METHADONE, Milligrams	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-vial=10 mg
METHADONE, Pill	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
METHAMPHETAMINE, Grams	20,475.56	0	0	0	0	0	16,109.90	3,150.96	4.7	167	4	1,039
OTHER DRUG, Pill	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
OXYCODONE, Pill	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
PSILOCYBIN, Grams	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	1	0
PSILOCYBIN, Pill	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
SUBOXONE, Pill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SUBOXONE, Strip	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
UNKNOWN DRUG, Pill	1,719	0	0	0	0	0	1,696	0	0	0	0	23