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

The Honorable Jeb Bradley
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

CC: Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner of Safety
Steven R. Lavoie, Assistant Commissioner of Safety
Michael W. Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant
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Re: Reporting on Progress with RSA 21-P:66 and RSA 21-P:68

As of December 31, 2023:

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 on the next page:

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Berlin Police Department	\$29,013	\$0	\$29,013
Concord Police Department	38,390	0	38,390
Hillsborough County	44,980	0	44,980
Keene Police Department	21,989	0	21,989

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Laconia Police Department	38,390	9,573	28,817
Manchester Police Department	340,953	5,809	335,144
Nashua Police Department	230,009	0	230,009
Rockingham County	44,980	0	44,980
Strafford County	44,980	571	44,409
Total	\$833,684	\$15,953	\$817,731

Program awards were made in the late fall of 2023 with many operations starting in late October-November 2023. Expenditures and activities are expected to increase during future reporting periods. Please see page 4 for a summary table of all seizure activities.

Additional NHSP Funding:

79:131 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 12/31/23	Balance
Overtime - Lab staff	\$ 69,464	\$ 16,941	\$ 52,523
Benefits	\$ 21,096	11,289	9,807
Totals	\$ 90,560	\$ 28,230	\$ 62,330

(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	Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/23	Balance
Overtime - Troopers	\$ 217,796	\$ 37,190	\$ 180,606
Benefits	71,284	11,495	59,789
Totals	\$ 289,080	\$ 48,685	\$ 240,395

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	\$ 674,742	\$ 220,578	\$ 454,164
OVERTIME	340,914	101,611	\$ 239,303
CURRENT EXPENSES	71,144	39,798	\$ 31,346
RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA	257,428	10,721	\$ 246,707
INTRA-AGENCY TRANSFERS	2,192	1,986	\$ 206
EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	314,907	305,108	\$ 9,799
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	6,000	1,506	\$ 4,494
CONTRACTUAL MAINT BUILD-GRN	4,740	2,552	\$ 2,188
TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES	369	369	\$ -
BENEFITS	439,717	120,467	\$ 319,250
EMPLOYEE TRAINING	5,500	4,635	\$ 865
IN/OUT TRAVEL	17,000	7,104	\$ 9,896
CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	38,279	35,841	\$ 2,438
TOTALS	\$2,172,931	\$ 852,276	\$1,320,655

Activity Reports – 7/1/23 – 12/31/2023

The following chart illustrates attributed drug seizures and activity for MET from 7/01/23 – 12/31/23 without Granite Shield (GS) funds. MET has been on numerous joint operations with 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, 2023 thru Dec 31, 2023</i>	
Arrests Total	80
Currency	\$0
Arrests- Possession Narcotics - Felony	8
Arrests Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	16
Weapons/guns	1
Crack Cocaine Grams	54 grams
Cocaine Grams	2,536.5 grams
Heroin (Black tar) Grams	0 grams
Fentanyl Grams	3,951.5 grams (approx. 197,575 potentially fatal doses)
Methamphetamine Crystal Grams	13,624.3 grams
Methamphetamine Grams powder	0 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms Grams	2.5 grams
Butane Honey Oil Grams	1.5 grams
Marijuana/THC Grams	763.5 grams
Unknown Pills	296
Motor Vehicle Seizure	1
Total Values of Drugs/Currency Seized this Period	\$2,027,120.00

FY 2024 Granite Shield NHSP NIU Activity	
<i>July 1, 2023 thru Dec 31, 2023</i>	
Arrests	5
Currency USD	\$5,111.00
Adderall PL	0
Alprazolam PL	0
Amphetamine PL	0
Cocaine GM	87.50
Crack/Cocaine GM	0
Fentanyl GM	0
Gabapentin DU	0
Gabapentin PL	0
Heroin GM	0
Heroin/Fentanyl GM	0

Marijuana GM	0
Marijuana PT	40.00
Methamphetamine GM	612.50
Methamphetamine-Methedrine GM	29.00
Methylphenidate-Hydrochloride GM	0
Psilocybin GM	0
Suboxone DU	0
Unknown Drug GM	0
Xanax PL	0

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