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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

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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 June 30, 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:

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Berlin Police Department	\$29,013	\$28,953	\$60
Concord Police Department	\$38,390	\$38,390	0
Hillsborough County Sheriff	\$44,980	0	\$44,980
Keene Police Department	\$21,989	\$21,989	0
Laconia Police Department	\$38,390	\$36,321	\$2,069

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Manchester Police Department	\$340,953	\$340,953	0
Nashua Police Department	\$230,009	\$230,009	0
Rockingham County Sheriff	\$44,980	\$44,980	0
Strafford County Sheriff	\$44,980	\$44,342	\$638
Total	\$833,684	\$785,937	\$47,747

Program awards were made in the late fall of 2023 with many operations starting in late October-November 2023. As anticipated, expenditures increased in this final reporting period. 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	18	12	30
Concord Police Department	11	0	11
Hillsborough County Sheriff	0	0	0
Keene Police Department	5	0	5
Laconia Police Department	14	10	24
Manchester Police Department	67	5	72
Nashua Police Department	116	17	133
Rockingham County Sheriff	10	0	10
Strafford County Sheriff	47	3	50
Totals	288	47	335

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 6/30/2024	Balance
Overtime - Lab staff	\$98,121	\$57,637	\$40,484
Benefits	\$21,096	\$12,070	\$9,026
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	Budget	Expenditures as of 6/30/2024	Balance
Overtime - Troopers	\$217,796	\$74,748	\$143,048
Benefits	\$71,284	\$24,316	\$46,968
Totals	\$289,080	\$99,064	\$190,016

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	\$457,118	\$457,118	0
OVERTIME	\$240,914	\$240,914	0
CURRENT EXPENSES	\$89,481	\$89,481	0
RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA	\$10,721	\$10,721	0
INTRA-AGENCY TRANSFERS	\$1,986	\$1,986	0
EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	\$562,247	\$562,247	0

Class Description	Adjusted Authorized	Expenses and Encumbrances	Balance
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$3,012	\$3,012	0
CONTRACTUAL MAINT BUILD-GRN	\$4,740	\$2,552	\$2,188
TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES	\$369	\$369	0
BENEFITS	\$276,720	\$276,720	0
EMPLOYEE TRAINING	\$6,231	\$6,231	0
IN/OUT TRAVEL	\$13,559	\$13,559	0
CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	\$35,841	\$35,841	0
TOTALS	\$1,702,939	\$1,700,751	\$2,188

Activity Reports – 7/1/23 – 06/30/24

The following chart illustrates the Mobile Enforcement Team's drug seizures and activity from 7/01/23 – 6/30/24 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 June 30, 2024</i>	
Arrests	157
US Currency	\$22,253
Arrests- Possession Narcotics - Felony	30
Arrests - Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	43
Weapons/guns	5
Crack Cocaine	215 grams
Cocaine	13,697.3 grams
Heroin (Black tar)	1 gram
Fentanyl	10,493.2 grams (524,660 doses)
Methamphetamine Crystal	16,071.8 grams (160,718 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	\$3,908,637

FY 2024 Granite Shield NHSP NIU Activity <i>July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024</i>	
Arrests	22
US Currency	\$54,743
Arrests- Possession Narcotics - Felony	5
Arrests - Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	17
Weapons/guns	9
Cocaine	716.80 grams
Fentanyl	225 grams (11,250 doses)
Marijuana	40 plants
Methamphetamine	13,245.94 grams (132,459 doses)

- Various items of paraphernalia were seized (e.g., ledgers, scales, packaging materials and other drug consumption articles) during this reporting period.
- Six handguns, 1 rifle, 2 shotguns, and knives, etc. have been seized this reporting period

