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

The Honorable Chuck Morse
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: Richard Bailey, Jr. Assistant Commissioner of Safety
Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner of Safety
Michael W. Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant
Michael J. Landrigan, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant

Re: Reporting on Progress with RSA 21-P:66 and RSA 21-P:68

As of January 15, 2022:

A total of \$1,200,000 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 YTD financial activities is below.

Grant Recipient	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining
Belknap County	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$16,000
Berlin	26,500	-	26,650
Carroll County	15,000	-	15,000
Concord	55,000	-	55,000
Hillsborough County	71,000	-	71,000
Keene	29,000	-	29,000
Laconia	45,000	3,459	41,541
Lebanon	5,000	-	5,000

Manchester	500,000	8,157	491,843
Nashua	300,000	-	300,000
Rockingham County	67,500	9,366	58,134
Strafford County	70,000	-	70,000
Total Awards to Locals/Counties	\$1,200,000	\$ 20,982	\$1,179,018

Program awards were made in the fall of 2021 with many operations starting in November-December 2021. Activities are expected to increase over the remainder of fiscal year 2022. There were 5 total arrests reported through 1/15/22. Please see page 5 for a summary table of all seizure activities.

Additional NHSP Funding:

346:316 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program; Appropriations.

I. The sum of \$618,632 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Safety. This sum shall be expended as follows:

(a) \$180,632 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, 2023.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/2021	Balance
Overtime-Lab staff	\$ 73,920	\$ 34,477	\$ 39,443
Benefits	16,396	7,540	8,856
Totals	\$ 90,316	\$ 42,017	\$ 48,299

(b) \$438,000 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, 2023.

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/2021	Balance
Overtime-Troopers	\$ 161,827	\$ 70,937	\$ 90,890
Benefits	57,173	22,206	34,967
Totals	\$ 219,000	\$ 93,143	\$ 125,857

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 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 financial activity is presented below:

Class Description	Budget	Expenditures as of 12/31/2021	Balance
Salary	\$ 585,485	\$ 224,774	\$ 360,711
Overtime	300,000	92,928	207,072
Current Expenses	66,898	17,961	48,937
Rent	9,038	-	9,038
Equipment New Replacement	67,203	44,286	22,917
Telecommunications	2,640	2,053	587
Maintenance	1,528	948	580
Transfer To Other State Agencies	295	-	295
Benefits	451,658	156,437	295,221
Employee Training	5,000	735	4,265
In/Out State Travel	30,500	3,550	26,950
Contracts For Op Services	16,146	415	15,731
Catastrophic Casualty Insurance	1,079	-	1,079
Totals	\$ 1,537,470	\$ 544,087	\$ 993,383

Operational Activity Reports – 7/1/21 – 1/15/22

The following chart illustrates attributed drug seizures and activity for MET from 7/01/21 – 1/15/22 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 using operating budget funds during those activities.

FY 2022 NHSP MET TEAM Activity <i>July 1, 2021 thru January 15, 2022</i>	
Arrests total	55
Currency	\$ 49,867.00
Arrests- Possession Narcotics - Felony	14
Arrests Possession Narcotics w/intent -Felony	22
Weapons/guns	2
Crack Cocaine	3 grams
Cocaine Grams	421 grams
Heroin (Black tar)	255 grams

Fentanyl Grams	2,002.5 grams
Methamphetamine Crystal	1,807.28 grams
Methamphetamine Grams powder	446.5 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	152 grams
Butane Honey Oil	4359 grams
Marijuana/THC	2,342.00 grams
Unknown Pills	8
Motor Vehicle Seizure	12
Total Values of Drugs/Currency Seized this period	\$988,662.40

FY 2022 Granite Shield NHSP NIU Activity <i>July 1, 2021 thru January 15, 2022</i>	
Arrests	2
Currency	\$30,173
Weapons	--
Cocaine Grams	426
Fentanyl Grams	682
Gabapentin Pills	60
Unknown Pills	90
Methamphetamine Grams	2,417

FY 2022 Granite Shield Local Agency Activity
July 1, 2021 thru January 15, 2022

Agencies	Belknap County Sheriff	Berlin Police Department	Carroll County Sheriff	Concord Police Department	Hillsborough County Sheriff	Keene Police Department	Laconia Police Department	Lebanon Police Department	Manchester Police Department	Nashua Police Department	Rockingham County Sheriff	Stafford County Sheriff	Totals
Arrests			19				10		19	14	1	16	79
Currency Value USD									9500				9500
Weapon													
Alprazolam Pills										1			1
Buprenorphine Pills										2			2
Cocaine Grams									10268			14	10282
Crack Cocaine Grams			5						92	1			98
Fentanyl Grams			451				50		20	1		74	596
Gabapentin Pills			28				17			19			64
Heroin Grams										1			1
Heroin-Fentanyl Grams									10		15		25
Methadone Pills										1			1
Methamphetamine Grams			3				3			3			9
Oxycodone Pills									23				23
Quetiapine Pills							18						18
Suboxone Pills							1						1
Unknown Pills													0
Xanax Pills							7				71		78