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To: Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner

Re: Announcement of FFY 2016/17 Competitive Local Grant Application Period for the Heroin/Fentanyl/Opioid grant initiative

I am pleased to announce the availability of the State grant funds made available by legislative appropriation RSA 21-P: 66 and signed into law by Governor Hassan. The purpose of this grant is to support the implementation of drug enforcement operations/initiatives to combat the misuse and abuse of opioids and fentanyl throughout the state. The misuse of these substances have resulted in a significant increase of drug related overdoses and deaths. NH now has the third highest per capita death rate from abuse of these related substances in the nation.

The grant will provide local law enforcement, 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 opioid/fentanyl 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 Court.

Program Goals

- Reduce opioid (ie: Heroin/ Fentanyl) 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.

Competitive Grant Applications will be available at: http://www.nh.gov/safety/.
Competitive Grant applications will be due August 19, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. via email to: HomelandGrants@safety.state.nh.us.

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