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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The Capitol
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Moran:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

**Shaheen, Jeanne(D-NH) Commerce, Justice and Science
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Granite State Children's Alliance	<p>The iRecord system is a turnkey IP based Interview room recording solution, uniquely different from what we have today which is a patch work of "surveillance" cameras and microphones not intended for interview recording. The iRecord system will include everything, a Windows Tower PC, iRecord SW, Hi Def 1080P Dome cameras, microphone, start/stop remote wall button all synced together. iRecord will be networked together such that all video and sound are captured together. Additionally, the MDT will be able to save evidence to USB, DVD or optional NAS(networked attached storage) or cloud storage for easy access complete with passwords and HIPPA approved security. iRecord can save our staff critical time and more importantly provide reliable, quality, consistent evidence captures all at a fraction of the time we're used to.</p> <p>To provide equitable access to all child victims, GSCA is focused on providing on site behavioral health services at CACs throughout the state. Currently, GSCA is expanding the CAC in Manchester to include behavioral health services. Funding has been secured for a behavioral health clinician however a need still exists for some clinical training to meet National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards. Furthermore, there is a need to outfit the behavioral health services suite with the equipment needed to provide clinical services. Training needs include YPSB-CBT and TF-CBT training and well as training for ECUs. Items needs for operation include furniture, computers, printers, iPads for telehealth and other electronic needs, equipment used during behavioral health treatment sessions.</p> <p>Currently, children seen at the Manchester CAC are referred to community behavioral health services. Often, these services have long wait lists, insurance requirements and high provider turn over, creating barriers that discourage engagement. GSCA has seen significant increases in engagement and session attendance with our current CAC on-site behavioral health services in Laconia at our Greater Lakes CAC. Outfitting the Manchester CAC behavioral health service suite with all necessary furnishings and equipment will allow the space to become operational. On-site behavioral health services in Manchester will remove barriers and allow child victims in city access to timely, no cost, trauma informed behavioral health services to help them heal.</p>	Bedford NH	\$223
Belknap County Sheriff's Office	This project would support the Belknap County Sheriff's Office in purchasing a new server system to host and maintain all local law enforcement records. The funding will assist in the payment for the data conversion, saving valuable records and data for each agency to be able to implement into the new system.	Belknap County NH	\$600
Nashua Police Department	The Nashua Police Department intends to provide the public safety bomb technicians of the Hazardous Device Unit with bomb suits and helmets. The purpose of this acquisition is to provide updated public safety bomb technician equipment to the Hazardous Device Unit	City of Nashua NH	\$110
New Hampshire Department of Justice	The NH Department of Justice will use this funding to purchase equipment to enhance the safety and investigative capabilities of NHDTF members as they combat the ongoing drug crisis throughout the state of New Hampshire. The funding will also be used to enhance training for task force members that otherwise might not be available and to assist with reimbursement costs to the parent agencies of the members.	Concord NH	\$409
Exeter Police Department	<p>The products requested consist of sixteen APX 8000 Motorola portable radios which sworn Exeter Police Officers will carry on them at all times during their shifts and use as their primary communications tool to reach each other and our Dispatch Center. The product request also consists of five APX6500 enhanced mobile cruiser radios installed into our police vehicles. These also allow for effective communications while operating and seated in a police car.</p> <p>This project positively impacts the employment of 24 full time and 2 part time police officers. It also directly impacts the employment of 6 full time and 2 part time emergency communications dispatchers. By enhancing our mobile communications, we are making their work environments much safer as well as improving the safety of everyone within the Town of Exeter and our surrounding communities. The economic impact will also be positive for the Town.</p>	Exeter NH	\$112

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	<p>K-9 Niko's current mode of transportation is no longer capable of supporting he and Deputy Fleming's expanded service to New Hampshire. Their vehicle is near its end of life. More importantly, it does not provide basic essentials commonly afforded to K-9's working in public safety. Most notably, K-9 Niko's current vehicle does not have and cannot be practically modified to provide remotely monitored A/C or heat, window guards, safety barriers, circulation fans or appropriate K-9 exit or entry. This lack of appropriate equipment creates a substantial barrier to K-9 Niko and Deputy Fleming's continuing success. This project would remedy that now and for the foreseeable future. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office requests assistance in the purchase of a sport utility vehicle modified for use in emergency responses. Modification of the vehicle is anticipated to include but not limited to the purchase and installation of emergency radio communication equipment and emergency lights/sirens. As this vehicle is to be utilized by Deputy Fleming and K-9 Niko, this request includes the purchase and installation of equipment suitable for K-9 Niko's transportation, mobile deployment and the secure storage of associated specialized equipment. In the effort to ensure cost-effectiveness, this office has received demonstrations and purchasing information from other public safety agencies utilizing similarly purposed vehicles. This office also maintains professional working relationships with local vendors capable of supplying and/or installing the necessary equipment sought for this project. A specialized vehicle will allow K-9 Niko and Deputy Fleming the opportunity to meet the demands of their increasing work load. This is also measurable. Results will be evidenced by training offered to local law enforcement, speaking engagements at our schools, assistance in investigations no matter where or when required and the comforting of child victims. Through NHICAC, K-9 Niko and Deputy Fleming's deployments and presence in our communities is documented and tracked. This ensures their resources are applied effectively and made available to all NH communities. Should this project be awarded funding, documentation can be expected through the life of the vehicle.</p>	Hillsborough County NH	\$76
Hollis Department of Emergency Management	<p>The Town of Hollis will collaborate with a capable and reputable vendor identified through a competitive bid process, with the understanding that Hollis is determined to build a more reliable communications system and infrastructure that provides Town personnel and first responders with a safe and effective emergency radio communication system. In the past for example, Beltronics Inc., has provided exceptional service and reliable equipment to the Town of Hollis for many years and has considerable experience with substantially similar radio infrastructure projects. The proposed system will include enhanced safety capabilities and coverage, including enhanced radio communications interoperability with our regional mutual aid partners (Fire, Police, EMS, etc.). The preliminary estimated project cost is \$766,600 and would be completed over a twelve to fourteen month period. The Town has already invested in console upgrades within the HCC and upgraded equipment (repeaters, etc) on the communications towers within the municipality. The design work and specifications are substantially complete and the project is ready to initiate, pending funding. This communication system overhaul investment will directly impact the local community and numerous other communities throughout Hillsborough County in New Hampshire and support mutual aid communications provided to interstate jurisdictions, including those covered by mutual aid compacts. This communication system will materially improve the safety, reliability and performance of the emergency radio communications system for first responders in each of the surrounding communities where Hollis public safety assets provide mutual aid and assistance regularly. The positive economic impact to the region will be maximized by utilizing local vendors for the equipment purchase and installation. Investing in critical communications infrastructure benefits the Town, and numerous surrounding communities by ensuring a resilient first responder communication network, ensuring that radio communications will be fully functional both for daily operations and when responding to critical emergency incidents whether in Hollis or other communities within the region. Use of these funds, if awarded, shall help to alleviate additional tax increases.</p>	Hollis NH	\$702
Laconia Police Department	<p>The acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification to law enforcement during an emergency situation, such as an active shooter/intruder or crisis situation, would positively impact the operations of the police department by enhancing coordination efforts with our city schools to mitigate loss of life and injury to students and staff, and property damage. Positive community impacts include the following: Improved information sharing with local law enforcement; Increased interaction and improved communications between law enforcement and school officials; Reduced notification times to law enforcement; Improved response time to threats and events; Accurate identification of danger (without resort to</p>	Laconia NH	\$200

	<p>discriminatory stereotypes or violating privacy); and Increased school safety. The Dispatch Surveillance Technology Integration system connecting the LPD to Laconia schools' surveillance systems budget request includes the following: planar clarity matrix video wall displays, display wall video distribution and control, video conferencing system, audio system, technology rack, shelves, extender mounting brackets, rack power distribution center, and rack and workstation connection cable and adapters. The city schools and LPD, due to the city tax cap, do not have funding to support needed equipment and technology cited as a gap/need in the most recent Homeland Security's School Security Assessment reports (one for each building) to meet each of the three physical security capabilities of surveillance, access control, and emergency alerting. The community impact is directly related to the protection of Laconia citizens and positively impacts the local community taxes from having to be diverted from LPD personnel costs (i.e., creating a reduction in the number of officers LPD can support and sustain) and used for one-time equipment and technology costs. As the secondary Emergency Operations Center in the city of Laconia, as is written in the city's Emergency Operations Plan, it is critical that the LPD maintain adequate staffing and ability to secure the operation center and emergency dispatch for the city. LPD is forced to work diligently in leveraging external funding sources to meet a variety of needs and gaps identified by Homeland Security and to align with NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This project addresses the need to improve response time to threats and events by reducing officer response time, accurately identify danger(s) on school campuses, increase school safety, and mitigate loss of life and injury to students and staff, and property damage.</p>		
Manchester Police Department	This project will fund important training to support expanded critical incident stress management among New Hampshire law enforcement as well as train-the-trainer instruction for building resiliency. The goal of this training is to institutionalize the officer mental health and wellness concepts within the New Hampshire law enforcement community.	Manchester NH	\$110
Manchester School District	The Manchester School District (MSD) has proposed this project, in collaboration with the Manchester Police Department and the Mayor's Office, to implement a comprehensive emergency notification system across the district. This project includes an IP-based phone system to replace the existing and outdated PBX phone system, digital signage, desktops alerts, gunshot detection sensors, emergency alerting lights and door locks. All of these systems combined will make up their emergency communication system, with the goal to ensure students and staff at the 21 schools across the city are protected and safe under the most severe circumstances.	Manchester NH	\$2,401
NHADEC	NHADEC proposes to work with New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Project (NH MEP) and UNH to develop new technology which eliminates the need for small businesses to input their capabilities into multiple databases in order to make connections OEMs. To do so, NHADEC will build one database from which OEMs and can more easily search for suppliers, helping to foster stronger relationships between the two entities as well as improve the end-to-end process between the manufacturer and supplier.	Merrimack County NH	\$2,307
Nashua Police Department	The primary goal of an additional response vehicle for the Hazardous Device Unit will be to increase the operational effectiveness of the unit by providing rapid response capabilities for Tactical Bomb Technician and Stabilization Bomb Technician incidents. Further, this will bring the unit more in line with other regional bomb squads, which will allow a more effective and uniform response to joint incidents and/or training. This vehicle will complement the traditional response vehicle currently in use, and will also make the unit more effective when responding to threat deterrent assignments. This includes events such as the Boston Marathon, allowing unit members to provide a more tactically sound response and have more equipment resources available. With this vehicle we can track how quickly we are able to respond to call outs by comparing the data from calls using the Hazardous Device Unit full size truck. The department has a full-time grant manager who will track the performance of the new vehicle.	Nashua NH	\$90
New London Police Department	New London Police Department is requesting funding for computer software in the form of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS). This software will help improve the technological standing of their dispatch center and the services they can offer to their dispatch partners.	New London NH	\$413
University of New Hampshire	The University of New Hampshire is requesting funds to upgrade equipment at their facilities in Newcastle. These facility upgrades will provide the infrastructure necessary for sustaining and growing broad federal and state agency support, industry engagement and local workforce development.	Newcastle NH	\$494

Newfields, NH, Police	The project would help Newfields PD in purchasing updated equipment, including a new base radio system, laptops for their cruisers and computer systems for records management, crime analysis and prevention. Purchase of this new equipment will allow Newfields PD to better communicate with dispatch during emergencies and ensure proper record keeping. The community impact will be the continued effective service to their community without technology equipment failures.	Newfields NH	\$28
NERACOOS	This project aims to conduct new environmental monitoring activities that will improve the ability of the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) to track changes in the Seacoast region and protect its built, cultural, and natural assets. Specifically, this funding will support the purchase, install, and maintenance of environmental sensors as well as expansion of workshops and educational outreach.	Rockingham County NH	\$1,850
Town of Newington	The Town of Newington request CDS funds to purchase state-of-the-art IP-Based Communications Equipment to upgrade the current communications systems, which are fractured and prone to failure. This integrated system of broadband, wireless, radio, and telephone communications creates a robust network of secure and redundant systems, which greatly enhances the Town's ability to respond to the numerous potential emergency events.	Rockingham County NH	\$170
Great Bay Stewards, Inc.	The Eelgrass Education Project at the Great Bay Discovery Center will highlight the plant's role in providing fish habitat and water quality benefits through an "Extraordinary Eelgrass" exhibit in the visitor's center, "Eelgrass Traveling Trunks" with eelgrass curriculum teachers can use and a teacher training program called Teachers on the Estuary (TOTE), which uses a field-based approach to equip middle and high school teachers to use local eelgrass research, data and activities mapped to Next Generation Science Standards.	Rockingham and Srafford Counties NH	\$100
Seacoast Science Center	The Seacoast Science center is seeking funds to expand and improve their existing museum spaces as well as constrict a new space/facility for their Marine Mammal Rescue operations to allow for rehabilitation of stranded animals.	Rye NH	\$5,000
Sanbornton Police Department	The Sanbornton Police Department is requesting funds to design a reliable and appropriate communications system to serve their new facility. These funds will provide system hardware, components and installation only.	Sanbornton NH	\$22
University of New Hampshire	This project would provide funds for the University of New Hampshire's Stormwater Center to purchase laboratory equipment and enhance the Center's field test site, allowing the University to expand its ability to test, demonstrate and evaluate innovative stormwater controls that improve stormwater management, promote living shorelines, and protect tidal crossings.	Strafford County NH	\$1,137
The University of New Hampshire	Funding will support the purchase of advanced equipment and the research needed to survey and study Great Bay water quality on a regular basis and following major weather events.	Strafford County NH	\$722
Town of Gorham	This project would fund Town of Gorham's efforts to upgrade its current radio system to include a new Repeater at the summit of Pine Mountain and a 4-Site Simulcast Communication System to resolve ground-to-air coverage gap issues. Gorham and Berlin are the only communities in the region that have full-time Police services. Accordingly, the Town of Gorham provides emergency dispatch services for Gorham, Randolph, Shelburne and seven unincorporated townships. Upon completion of this project, communication between Police, Fire and EMS first responders, the Coos County Regional Dispatch Center and other agencies, will be vastly improved, increasing the efficiency of responding to incidents and safety for first responders and the general public.	Town of Gorham NH	\$426