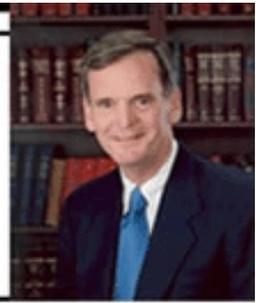

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SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES \$499,744 FOR MANCHESTER TO REDUCE AND PROSECUTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded the City of Manchester a \$499,744 federal grant to continue and expand its community-wide response to cases of domestic violence. This includes its use of partnerships with law enforcement organizations, the courts and providers of support and other services to victims of domestic violence. Specifically, the City of Manchester will use the funding to: increase the training of officers to reduce cases of domestic violence that occur in conjunction with cases of child abuse; ensure access to non-governmental victim services; and increase and improve the monitoring of offenders. Senator Gregg serves as the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Senator Gregg stated, "Domestic violence can devastate the lives of its victims, especially if those victims are children. Collaborative efforts such as the one operating in Manchester have proven to be thorough and efficient in responding to cases of domestic violence by addressing the needs of the victims and prosecuting the perpetrators. The Manchester Police Department, Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, and the YWCA Crisis Service team do an excellent job pooling their resources to provide assistance to those in need, punish those responsible for the violence and work to prevent future cases of domestic abuse."

Manchester Mayor Bob Baines stated, "Judd Gregg is a great friend to Manchester, and today's announcement regarding support for the Manchester Police Department is further evidence of his work on Manchester's behalf. I know the men and women of the Manchester Police Department will put the money to good use by making Manchester's streets safer. I am grateful for the Senator's continued support."

Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka stated, "The Manchester Police Department understands that a coordinated community response to domestic violence provides the greatest level of safety to victims. This funding will enable the Manchester Police Department to continue its partnership with the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, the YWCA Crisis Service and the New Hampshire Department of Corrections probation and parole. The coordinated response has been extremely successful in combating domestic violence in our community. With this funding we will be able to continue our efforts to end violence in the family."

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