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MEMORANDUM

To: Authority Members

From: John Chojnacki, Associate Director – Federal and State Grants Unit

Date: May 11, 2009

Subject: Summary of Budget Committee Actions Taken on May 4, 2009

On May 4, 2009, the Budget Committee met to discuss the planning of the expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds that the Authority will receive via the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program and designations using ARRA Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program funds.

Authority members and designees present were Bridget Healy Ryan for State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Chief David Bradford, Waisu Fashina for Clerk Dorothy Brown, Elaine Romas for Sheriff Tom Dart, Barbara Engel, Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Madigan, State's Attorney Bill Mudge (via teleconference), Budget Committee Chairman Eugene E. Murphy, Jr., Colonel Michael Snyders for Director Jonathan E. Monken, Authority Chairman Sheldon Sorosky (via teleconference), Tony Small for Director Roger Walker (via teleconference), and Ted O'Keefe for Superintendent Jody Weis. Also in attendance were Rick Krause of the Illinois Department of Corrections, Kim Nerheim of United States Attorney General's Office, Authority Executive Director Lori G. Levin, Authority Associate Director John Chojnacki, Authority General Counsel Jack Cutrone, and other Authority staff members. Budget Committee members present constituted a quorum. Only members and designees physically present at the meeting were permitted to vote.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

The Budget Committee unanimously **approved** the adoption of the minutes of the February 19, 2009 Budget Committee Meeting.

The Budget Committee unanimously **approved** the adoption of the minutes of the March 24, 2009 Budget Committee Meeting.

JAG Purpose Areas and ARRA-Related Priorities

The Budget Committee **approved** additions or modifications to the language of the priorities approved at the March 24, 2009 Budget Committee ARRA/JAG planning meeting and detailed in the memo regarding JAG ARRA Planning dated April 30, 2009, and found at Tab 3 of the meeting materials. Additions and modifications, as approved, are italicized below:

1. Law Enforcement Programs Priorities:

Support programs which pursue violent and predatory criminals.

Support efforts with law enforcement, prosecution, and probation to combat and disrupt illegal drug use, violent crime, illegal gun and gang activity and test drug users.

Support programs which provide law enforcement agencies throughout the state with necessary means to prevent, deter, or investigate crime through staffing, training, special projects or equipment in order to improve public safety and quality of life.

2. Prosecution and Court Programs Priorities:

Support prosecution efforts which focus on prosecuting violent and predatory criminals and drug offenders.

Support programs which contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice court system at state and county levels in all facets: the judiciary, clerks, prosecution, defense, probation, and victim services.

3. Prevention and Education Programs Priority:

Support proven or innovative prevention or intervention programs for juveniles *and adults* identified as at risk for involvement or already involved with the criminal justice system to provide services aimed to mitigate risk factors that are recognized as contributing factors of violent crime, drugs, gangs, guns or other criminal behavior.

4. Corrections and Community Corrections Programs Priorities:

Support juvenile and adult re-entry programs and programs that enhance jail or correctional facility security and safety.

Support proven or innovative programs for those already involved in the criminal justice system, those incarcerated, or those on probation which are targeted to address recognized risk factors for recidivism by mitigating risk factors that contribute to criminal behavior.

5. Planning, Evaluation and Technology Improvement Programs Priority:

Support efforts to implement integrated justice information systems throughout the state to ensure that each component of the criminal justice system has access to timely, complete and accurate information necessary to informed decision-making at each state of the criminal justice process.

6. Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs Priority:

Support programs which combat and disrupt criminal drug networks and programs which provide substance abuse treatment.

7. Crime Victim and Witness Programs Priority:

Restore state-use funds to victim services programs that have been cut out of the state's budget.

JAG State-Use Funds

The Budget Committee **approved** a recommendation that ARRA JAG state-use funds may be issued to continue, restore, and/or support statewide delinquency prevention, violence prevention and intervention, victim services, and juvenile and adult re-entry and “no-entry” diversion programs in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).

Local-Use Funds

The Budget Committee **approved** a recommendation that \$4.4 million of the ARRA JAG local-use funds be set aside to support multi-jurisdictional narcotics units, consisting of Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) and Task Forces, and multi-jurisdictional drug prosecution programs.

The Budget Committee **approved** recommendations that the remaining \$25.6 million be distributed:

- Throughout the state, serving diverse communities and populations.
- Used to maintain effective evidence-based programs subjected to state and/or local budget cuts.
- In accordance with the following percentages described in the table below:

Component	Percentage	Amount (Estimated)
Law Enforcement	30 percent	\$7,680,000
Prosecution and Court Programs	30 percent	\$7,680,000
Corrections and Community Corrections	8.33 percent	\$2,132,480
Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs	8.34 percent	\$2,135,040
Prevention and Education Programs	8.33 percent	\$2,132,480
Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement	15 percent	\$3,840,000

The Budget Committee **approved** a recommendation that JAG funds in support of law enforcement in the form of an equipment purchase request for proposals (RFP), either work-ready squad cars or LiveScan machines, will adhere to the \$40,000 per entity funding cap that was agreed to at the March 24, 2009 Budget Committee meeting.

The Budget Committee **approved** a recommendation that:

1. A third of the funds for technological improvements be allocated through an RFP to local law enforcement agencies with the goal of allowing them to interface with the Illinois State Police’s I-CASE system.
2. A third of the funds for technological improvements be allocated through an RFP to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase and operation of Starcomm radios to allow the agencies to interface with the Illinois State Police.
3. A third of the funds for technological improvements be made available for other integrated justice projects.

The Budget Committee **approved** a recommendation, detailed in the memo regarding JAG Plan General Adjustments and dated April 30, 2009, and found at Tab 3 of the meeting materials, that the four-year limit on the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Defender’s Office’s and the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor’s Office’s Systemic Sentencing Issues Appeals Project programs be eliminated, thus allowing annual continuation of funding for those programs.

VOCA ARRA

The Budget Committee **designated** \$559,387 and \$725,963 in VOCA ARRA funds to the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, respectively. These designations effectively expend all of the Authority's VOCA ARRA award.

Since this memorandum is the official notification of Budget Committee action taken on May 4, 2009, the following is a reminder to the members of the Authority's organizational rules regarding committee oversight. Section 1750.340(I) of the Authority's Organizational Rules states:

- i) Oversight of Committees—In order to provide for oversight by the Authority of actions taken by any committee, whether ad hoc or standing, Authority members shall be notified—by phone, mail or equivalent—of all motions passed by a particular committee, within five (5) business days of any committee meeting, or prior to the next meeting of that committee, or before the next meeting of the Authority, whichever is sooner. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of such information, a special meeting of the Authority may be convened upon the request of five (5) Authority members, for the purpose of fully discussing any action taken by a committee and to supersede the authorization granted to the committee to act on the Authority's behalf in any particular matter.

Subject to the oversight process described above, the Budget Committee action becomes the action of the Authority.

Please contact me if you have any questions.