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SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members

FROM: John C. Chojnacki, Associate Director, Federal & State Grants Unit

DATE: January 27, 2010

RE: **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) FFY09 Planning History and Introduction**

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION

Specialized Personnel

Winnebago County Court Services: Staff recommends a designation of \$242,031 to the Winnebago County Probation Department for the Winnebago County Specialized Probation Program. Winnebago County provides probation services for over 2,400 individuals per year, approximately 30 percent of which are women. Estimates are that at least 30 to 68 percent of women involved in the criminal justice system have experienced sexual assault in their lifetimes (Bloom et al., 1994). When Winnebago County probation officers were asked to estimate the number of women in their caseloads that have histories of sexual assault, they reported a rate of 90 percent. This would result in anywhere from 216 to 648 women currently on probation in Winnebago County having a history of sexual assault.

The program would create a project coordinator position to coordinate all training for staff and services provided to sexual assault survivors at the Resource Intervention Center (RIC). The project coordinator will provide additional case management services to the probation officers and their specialized sexual assault victim caseloads by following up with agencies outside the RIC at which participants might also be receiving services and carrying as many as 40 overload cases.

Two probation officer positions will be housed at the RIC. These probation officers will be responsible for providing probationary services for all women with sexual assault histories who are involved in the probation system in Winnebago County. They will conduct psychosocial assessments of women on probation or monitored at the pre-trial level to determine the programs and/or services they may benefit from. They will be

trained to understand the relationships between sexual assault trauma, mental health problems such as substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), poor functioning, and current involvement in the criminal justice system. Supervision of these women will include monitoring their participation in appropriate programs as well as providing trauma sensitive probationary supervision.

Designation Summary (Revised)

Assuming Budget Committee approval of these proposed designations, the chart below indicates the remaining VAWA ARRA09 funds available for additional funding.

FFY	Law Enforcement	Prosecution	Service Providers	Courts	Discretionary
Available	\$1,146,232	\$1,146,232	\$1,375,479	\$229,246	\$687,740
Designated	\$280,221	\$1,146,139	\$868,933	\$229,246	\$0
Remaining	\$866,011	\$93	\$506,546	\$0	\$0

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

S.T.O P. Violence Against Women**ARRA09 Plan****Attachment A - Revised 1/27/10**

	Law Enforcement	Prosecution	Service Providers	Courts	Discretionary	Federal Amount	
PURPOSE: SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL							
Program Title: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault							
Prosecution							
Cook County Circuit Court				\$229,246	\$235,709	\$464,955	
Guardian Angel Community Services			\$389,387			\$389,387	
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center			\$106,200			\$106,200	
Cook County State's Attorney's Office		\$397,404				\$397,404	
Cook County State's Attorney's Office		\$497,735				\$497,735	
Evanston YWCA			\$80,626			\$80,626	
<i>Winnebago County Court Services</i>					<i>\$242,031</i>	<i>\$242,031</i>	
Macon County State's Attorney's Office	\$151,144	\$110,000	\$143,854		\$95,000	\$499,998	
Mutual Ground, Inc.			\$148,866			\$148,866	
PURPOSE: TRAINING							
Turning Point, Inc.	\$26,035	\$25,000			\$25,000	\$76,035	
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$103,042	\$116,000			\$90,000	\$309,042	
TOTALS	\$280,221	\$1,146,139	\$868,933	\$229,246	\$687,740	\$3,212,279	
FUNDS REMAINING	\$866,011	\$93	\$506,546	\$0	\$0	\$1,372,650	