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Subject:	Request for Meeting

Hi, David. I'm writing to request a meeting with you as soon as possible regarding the reduced GRF budget and headcount targets received yesterday.

I understand that GOMB applied a 9% across the board reduction to GRF appropriations which resulted in our new target of $11____.

However, the net result of this new GRF target is actually a whopping 70% cut in IVPA's current GRF budget of approximately $40 million, since a large portion of the GRF funds supporting the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative(NRI) and the Safety Net Works (SNW) program were *non-appropriated* allocations from the Governor's Lump Sum budget.

If we had to reduce our current $40.23 million GRF supported budget to approximately $11.4 million. This would gut the NRI and the SNW programs and would pull the rug out from under 23 distressed communities where we have just begun to build community capacity to provide important supports for youth living in highly distressed environments (e.g. trauma and emotional self-regulation interventions in schools, case management for high risk youth, spring/summer jobs for youth, mentoring, parent and youth leadership development, and reentry services).

When we meet I would also like to talk about the headcount goals. IVPA is a very small agency and we are barely able to keep up now with the demands of NRI, SNW and the recently added Special Project Grants we were asked us to implement. Loss of headcount would be a real hardship for us and would jeopardize our ability to implement these grants properly. If necessary, perhaps we could switch a couple of slots to contractual positions to eliminate the health care and pension costs.

I am around and in the office next week and could meet then if you're available. Otherwise, I hope we can meet early in January to see if we can arrive at less drastic budget targets for IVPA.

Thanks for your consideration. I hope you have a great holiday season.

Barbara