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Subject:	RE: new grant and grants head

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Jack, let's plan to talk Thursday about the violence prevention funding. In the interim please don't make any plans for these grants, the Governor's office is still in discussion about what to do.

Thanks,

From: Cutrone, Jack
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 9:40 AM
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Toni –

ICJIA was surprised to learn early last week that the House Public Safety Appropriation Committee was considering awarding ICJIA GRF for grants for violence prevention. Later, the funding appeared in the Committee's recommended budget and was ultimately adopted. We were complimented that the legislature exhibited such confidence in ICJIA's ability to successfully administer grant programs.

While we cannot know whether the Governor will approve the budget as passed, of necessity, we have begun planning for the administration of the new funding in the event that the appropriation remains in our budget after the Governor's action.

There are two separate sections to the new GRF. One is for grants to community organizations for violence prevention programs. Our intention is to use ICJIA's normal grant process for awarding these funds in a competitive application process. As we have with other grants, we will be requiring that grantees implement programs that have been shown by research to be effective. While we are conversant with much of the research in this area, we have also reached out to the University of Chicago Crime Lab to assist us in identifying evidence-based programs in the field. We will build in performance measures and an evaluation component into the grants to ensure efficacy and accountability and the Crime Lab has also offered to assist our Research Unit in this regard. We also anticipate that the implementation of data-driven programs will require training and technical assistance to the grantees. Due to fiscal and staff constraints, ICJIA has only limited resources toward that end. Therefore, we have contacted the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and they are willing to assist us by contracting out such TA to one of their providers. Ultimately, under our statute, the Authority Board and its budget committee must approve grants before they can be awarded.

The other section is an earmark to the Chicago Area Project and we have not yet contacted CAP pending discussions with you.

I would also mention that the committee added $200,000 to our contractual GRF budget for grant administration. That is wholly inadequate to administer $20 million in grants and has the further issue of running afoul of the existing and presumably the new union contract as it would be contracting out union work.

Finally, and especially with this very substantial new grant program, our need to fill the position of grants unit director has become acute, and I would therefore ask if you might schedule an interview with our recommended candidate, Wendy McCambridge, at your earliest convenience. I am attaching her information to this email for your convenience.

Jack

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