THE ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Question 1 – What grants does ICJIA currently administer that will be subject to the sunset date of June 30, 2012?

ICJIA administers the following grant programs to which the sunset provisions of P.A. 96-1529 would apply:

1. The Death Penalty Abolition Fund (DPAF). This was created by P.A. 96-1543 which abolished the death penalty and transferred the balance remaining in the Capital Litigation Trust Fund (CLTF) to the newly created DPAF to award grants for services to be provided to the surviving family members of homicide victims and for law enforcement training. The Act vested the power to administer the DPAF in ICJIA. The new fund has been created in the Treasury by the Comptroller due to the fact that the lapse period for submitting claims on the CLTF will not expire until the end of December, 2011.

2. The Illinois State Crime Stoppers Association Fund (CSAF). This was created by P.A. 97-0478 and provides that for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2011, standard individual state income tax returns will have a check-off box to determine whether the taxpayer wishes to contribute not less than one dollar to the CSAF and empowers ICJIA to make grants to the Illinois States Crimestoppers Association (ISCA) for the purpose of giving monetary rewards to individuals who make tips to the ISCA which result in the arrest and prosecution of offenders. Because the collection of such check-off contributions will not begin until after individuals start filing their 2011 tax returns, the Comptroller has not yet created the fund in the state treasury.

3. The Prescription Drug Disposal Fund (PDDF). This was created by P.A. 97-0545 and provides that with respect to individuals sentenced for certain drug offenses, the sentencing judge shall impose a fine of $20 on the offender which shall be transferred to the PDDF and empowers ICJIA to make grants to local police agencies to dispose of household pharmaceuticals consistent with EPA standards. Because the effective date of the act is January 1, 2012, no such monies have been collected and the Comptroller has not yet created the fund in the state treasury.

2(i) Which funds should be extended and why?

ICJIA believes that the administration of all three funds should remain with ICJIA. While none of these grant programs have yet begun, ICJIA is the primary criminal justice grant fund agency in the state, has considerable experience and success in administering grants for victim's services and to law enforcement agencies, has trained and experienced grant staff to do so. ICJIA has a very good working relationship with the Illinois victim's service coalitions and agencies and with law enforcement agencies throughout the state. As to the CSAF and the PDDF, the sponsors of the bills creating the funds made contact with ICJIA prior to their passage to request that ICJIA undertake administration of the grant programs and ICJIA was happy to agree.

2(ii) Which grants should be allowed to sunset and why?

None

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