From: Irving, Toni
To: Monk, Emily
Subject: Re: Request for Meeting--Corrected
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 10:39:25 AM

I know the NRI line is extremely important to PQ. Putting it in GRF exposes it to republican attack. I'm not clear on why it can't stay in the spec proj acct. Shd we all meet?

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From: Monk, Emily
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: FW: Request for Meeting--Corrected

Toni, I think you've been involved with IVPA. See below. This is leading to a major policy decision.

From: Staley, Marc
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 5:58 PM
To: Vaught, David
Cc: Stermer, Jerome; Monk, Emily
Subject: RE: Request for Meeting--Corrected

The issue for IVPA is Neighborhood Recovery (NRI) and Safety Net Works (SNW). It boils down to what/how much do we want to invest in those 2 programs in FY13?

For FY11, NRI was funded at $33.5M GRF and SNW was funded at $3.9M GRF – both via Governor Lump Sum allocations. We introduced level funding for those programs in FY12 but the GA cut NRI down to $10M and completely eliminated SNW. As FY11 came to a close, we identified available money from the Governor's FY11 Lump Sum and issued IVPA an additional allocation intended to cover the unfunded costs of the programs in FY12. IVPA used the allocation to make a deposit into a non-appropriated state fund – IVPA Special Projects Fund and will run the majority of the programs' cost from this fund in FY12.

For FY12 NRI is funded at the same level as FY11 but $10M comes from GRF and the rest ($23.5M) from the special projects fund. SNW is 100% funded from the special projects fund. The IVPA Special Projects Fund cannot sustain this level of spending in FY13, so IVPA requested to move NRI and SNW back to GRF.

Barbara's concern is trying to come up with a budget that is 9% below FY12 when FY12 GRF does not fully recognize the total costs of programs IVPA runs. IVPA's FY12 total GRF approp is $12.5M, $10M of which is NRI. Under a 9% reduction from current GRF approps, IVPA would be at $11.4M total with NRI being about $9.1M and SNW would not be funded. NRI would effectively be reduced by $24.4M or 73% and SNW would be completely eliminated.

One alternative is to adjust FY12 GRF to include NRI and SNW then apply the 9% target. FY12

adjusted GRF would become $39.4M (Original $12.5M + $23.5M NRI + $3.9M SNW). Then a 9% reduction would bring IVPA down to $35.4M with NRI funded at $30.5 and SNW funded at $3.5M.

A second alternative would be to hold IVPA flat to FY12. If not for the current GRF approp to NRI, IVPA would be a $2.5M agency and would have fallen below our 9% target threshold. This alternative would keep NRI at $10M (a $23.5M or 70% reduction from FY12) and complete elimination of SNW.

A third alternative would be to bring the 2 programs to 50% of the FY12 total funding level. NRI would go to $16.75M and SNW would be at $1.95M with the rest of IVPA being flat to FY12's $2.5M for a total of $21.2M.

Barbara is willing to do whatever we task her with, but she is very concerned about the impact of a straight 9% reduction to FY12 on NRI and SNW when most of the funding for those programs is not on GRF for FY12. She is asking for guidance on how she should proceed with budget development.

From: Vaught, David
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Staley, Marc
Cc: Stermer, Jerome; Monk, Emily
Subject: FW: Request for Meeting--Corrected

I think you need to talk to Barbara before her scheduled OMB meeting.
David

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From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2012 5:38 PM
To: Vaught, David
Cc: Souchet, Monique; Staley, Marc
Subject: FW: Request for Meeting--Corrected

Hi, David. Do you think we could meet prior to the scheduled Jan. 19th follow-up meeting with IVPA to discuss the email below? I will be out of town from Wednesday the 11th through the holiday on the 16th.

Is it possible to find a few minutes on Monday (9th) or Tuesday (10th) or sometime on the 17th or 18th ?

Thanks,
Barbara

From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 9:52 AM
To: Vaught, David
Cc: Souchet, Monique; Weems, Malcolm; Staley, Marc; Irving, Toni
Subject: Request for Meeting--Corrected

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 approximately $11.4 million.

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