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Toni –

I know that you are at a conference, but if you might find some time to call me, it would be helpful. We have a quarterly meeting of our full Authority Board next Friday, at ICJIA at 9:00 am. As I mentioned when we met with Jack Lavin some time ago about NRI, I think it might be a good idea for you to come to the meeting. As we discussed with regard to the Summer Jobs for Youth Program, all grant awards have to be made by the Authority Board and its Budget Committee in order to comply with our statute and our administrative code. Due to time constraints, we thought it appropriate to present the matter to the full Board rather than a separate budget committee meeting in order to expedite the grants. What we will be asking them to do, while not without precedent, is to make a generalized designation (award) of the NRI grant funding and give discretion to ICJIA staff working with the Governor's office to work out the particulars in light of the reduced funding. This is a departure from our normal grant procedure, where we would ask the Budget Committee to make an award of a particular amount to a particular agency for a particular program which is then the subject of discussion by the Budget Committee and approval by the full Board. We will simply not be able to use our normal procedure because to do so would likely prevent us from having a smooth transition and the continuation of the programs without interruption on November 1st, and also likely create difficulties in spending down the entire amount appropriated within a 12 month period. While the Board and the Budget Committee have considerable confidence in ICJIA staff so that our recommendations are usually accepted, what we will be presenting is a very unusual request for discretion with regard to the identification of the particular grantees and particular amounts of grants to those grantees for what in total is a very large amount of grant money. We will also be taking advantage of the fact that we can present the request to our full Board at its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting without first presenting it to our beget committee, which cuts out step in the process and removes what can be up to a 15 day delay. While the materials we are sending out in advance of the meeting will explain these issues, it is my opinion, knowing our Board, that it would be extremely helpful to have you come to the meeting to assist in presenting the request so that it comes with the added gravitas of the Governor's office.

If you can, please give me a call. If I am not it in the office, please call on my cell [redacted].

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