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Subject: Grant Update

Importance: High

Dear Exec. Cmte., et al.:

I met with Judy Switzer and Helen Martinez on Friday and had an additional visit with Judy today. Here's the update on grant applications:

1. Judy is retiring, effective 8/15. Our grant is going to be managed in the "Homeland Security" section of the Gov's Office, headed by Aimee Snoddy. Aimee came over from DPS where she managed all of the homeland security grants to local law enforcement agencies - the decision was made during the session to shift all of those programs to the Gov's Office. Aimee was w/ CJD back in 2009 when our program first started, so she has some awareness of what our grant program supports, background, etc.
2. **Judy told me that the eGrants for FY 2016 applications should open this week.** She also mentioned that this is a time when literally hundreds for different grant programs have Sept. 1 start dates, so the office is going to have some real work overload. She stressed again that our "baseline" grants will not be guaranteed a "minimum amount"...so "equal slices of the pie" as has been the practice. Also...if an office is making a request for supplemental funds for personnel/services/equipment, etc, that must be included in the original grant submission, rather than filed as a supplemental request. So until we get the Exec. Cmte. approval, those who are seeking supplemental funds will need to wait until the Exec. Cmte finalizes its work.
3. Of course there is concern that the grants won't make it through the pipeline in time for the Sept. 1 start date...and/or it will be difficult to get the commissioners court approval of grants before that date. Judy said they could do two things to ease the burden:
  - a. For those offices that have surplus funds at the end of August sufficient to cover September expenses, CJD can give a 30 day extension on the current grant.
  - b. For the approval by Commissioners Court, CJD can just insert a grant condition that the resolutions be on file w/ CJD no later than Dec. 1.
4. I told Judy that Reg. 1 and Reg. 3 had made their recommendations, and Reg. 2 would do so this week. So I'd really like to get our "funding plan" to them by Monday of next week. That means the Exec. Cmte needs to be prepared to move quickly after Reg. 2 reports their recommendations on Thursday of this week. I'll send everyone before then a list of the recommendations for Reg. 1 and 3 so you'll have them in hand and can review, so we can move quickly.
5. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Please review the attached memo I prepared for Judy prior to our meeting on Friday. I wanted to show her that we had conducted a "needs assessment" prior to the meetings of the caucuses...so you'll see how I've

identified the areas where supplemental funding is warranted. And just coincidentally, all of the requests from Reg. 1 and 3 can fit neatly under one of the identified needs, as a "strategy" for meeting the need.

For instance, one of the needs identified is to "address the increased caseloads experienced in prosecutor offices...especially in offices in Region 3 impacted by Operation Strong Safety." Under this need, we'll identify adding the attorney in Starr County recommended by Region 3. Another example is the "need" identified to supply more support for DPS. The strategy will be met by adding the BPU attorney in Cameron County and Jim Wells County in DPS offices. And so on and so forth. The goal is to have all recommendations coming out of the regional caucuses fit under one (or more) of these identified "needs."

A word on training...you'll notice that one of the needs identified is providing training for local law enforcement agencies. Two ways to accomplish that. One is for interested offices to put funds in their own grant request to cover some training costs...the other to have a more structured training program coordinated out of the El Paso County grant (as has been the case up to now for the regionals and the annual training) which Lindsey and I will manage. As to the latter, we can make sure we have consistency in our training curriculum, we can also work out contracts for speakers like Ted Wilson and Mike Bryant, etc. The emphasis, though, is to bring the training to local agencies, even when it may only be a group of 10 or so officers. Some offices may want to handle their own training...but we are going to go ahead and include a substantial training budget in the El Paso County grant application so we have all our bases covered.

I also provided a copy of the criteria the Exec. Cmte. will use to review the proposals coming out of the regional caucuses. I'm going to suggest very strongly that anyone who files a grant application for supplemental funds use the criteria descriptions when writing their project description when filing the grant application.

So to recap:

1. eGrants will open shortly...if you have sufficient funds available to carry through the month of September you can request a 30 day extension.
2. As soon as Reg. 2 reports and I have a chance to integrate their requests into a complete report of all regions, the Exec. Cmte. needs to consider the list and give it their blessing and/or changes. I'm going to suggest we do that on Monday, August 10 in a conference call at 3:00 p.m. Please let me know if you'll be available!
3. Questions? Just let me know!

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