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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore
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Representative Richard T. Morgan, Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
Operations

FROM: Tracy Little, Deputy Secretary

DATE: April 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Request by the Department of Correction to Use Federal Grant Matching
Funds

The Department of Correction is requesting consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to use Federal grant matching funds.

In accordance with House Bill 397, Section 16.10, notwithstanding provisions of G.S. 148-2, the Department of Correction may use up to the sum of \$900,000 from funds available to the Department to provide the State match needed in order to receive Federal grant funds.

The Department previously requested and was approved for State match funds in the amount of \$66,301 for the state fiscal year 2004. The Department is now requesting an additional amount of \$94,899 in State funds, specifically lapse salary, as the 25 percent cash match required for multiple grants awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission. The awards are as follows:

- 1) Job Preparation for Offenders Initiative also referred to as Job-Start II. This continues the current initiative to establish a comprehensive job-readiness planning and preparation process throughout the Department of Correction that will result in work-qualified offenders securing suitable jobs in the community and in retaining employment. This project will operate system wide in all 100 North Carolina counties. The total supplemental grant award is for \$76,926 of which \$19,232 is state match. This funding has been awarded to the Department of Correction by the Governor's Crime Commission.
- 2) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Award. This is an ongoing award designed to provide long-term, residential chemical dependency treatment for male and female adults and male youthful offenders incarcerated in the prison facilities. The total continuation funding is for \$218,667 of which \$54,667 is state match. The funding is coming from unspent federal funds from the Governor's Crime Commission. The application for this funding has been submitted by the Department of Correction with Crime Commission approval expected.

- 3) Community Service Work Program (CSWP) Automation Award. This is continuation funding for the project to continue to develop an OPUS compatible automated information system for the Community Service Work Program with the Division of Community Corrections. CSWP is an alternative sentencing program by the courts statewide, with an offender caseload in excess of 22,000. The program was transferred from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the Department of Correction in January 2002. The total continuation funding is for \$84,000 of which \$21,000 is state match. The application for this award has been submitted to the Governor's Crime Commission and verbal approval has been received.

I am requesting that these items be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Staff from the Department of Correction will be present to explain these requests.

TL/jk

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