

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Marc Basnight, Senate President Pro Tempore,  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Affairs  
The Honorable James B. Black, Speaker of the House,  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Affairs  
The Honorable Richard T. Morgan, Speaker of the House,  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Affairs  
Senator Scott Thomas, Chairman, Justice and  
Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee  
Representative R. Phillip Haire, Co-Chair, Justice and  
Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee  
Representative Joe L. Kiser, Co-Chair, Justice and  
Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee

**FROM:** Tracy Little, Deputy Secretary

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

**DATE:** October 24, 2003

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 is requesting to use \$43,625 in State funds, specifically lapse salary, as the 25 percent cash match required for a grant that was awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission. The total grant award is \$174,500 inclusive of the State match.

The Department's Research and Planning section has been approved to receive this award for internet offender data system expansion. These funds will allow the Department of Correction to convert internet based offender information systems to standardized formats enabling improved query functionality and new functionality for data transfer, enhancing the state's Criminal Justice Information Network. This project will operate system wide in all 100 North Carolina counties.

I am requesting that this item 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 this request.

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