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Date: February 4, 1998

To: Mark D. Bugher, Secretary
Department of Administration

From: Pamela Henning, Policy and Budget Analyst *P.H.*
State Budget Office

Subject: Resubmittal Under s. 16.505 From the Department of Administration For
Positions for Technology Initiatives

REQUEST:

The Department of Administration (DOA) requests withdrawal of its November 20, 1997 s. 16.505 request for restoration and reallocation of 12.6 FTE program revenue positions from the previous WisComp operation to several technology initiatives. Instead, the DOA would like to resubmit a new request to include 7.0 FTE PR permanent positions and 4.0 FTE PR project positions for the same technology initiatives.

REVENUE SOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION(S):

The source of revenue for the appropriation under s. 20.505 (1)(kL), information technology processing services to agencies, is from various charges to state agencies for their use of state computer mainframe and other data center activities. The source of revenue for the appropriation under s. 20.505 (1)(ke), telecommunications and data processing services, is from direct billings to agencies and other public entities utilizing services for local and long distance services and data network.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 1997, DOA recommended approval of a s. 16.505 request to provide 12.6 FTE PR permanent positions for: (a) information technology (IT) infrastructure support activities (3.0 FTE); (b) documents imaging technical support (3.0 FTE); (c) medical services re-engineering project (1.0 FTE); (d) the state telecommunications network operation (2.6 FTE); and (e) positions for continued employment of 3.0 employees on reassignment from the WisComp phase-out.

On December 12, 1997, the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) informed DOA that the request would not be approved at that time and a meeting would be scheduled under s. 13.10 to consider the request.

ANALYSIS:

The department has reevaluated its request for 12.6 FTE PR positions and determined its need to instead be 7.0 FTE permanent positions and 4.0 FTE project positions. The attached table compares the original request with the new request for positions.

The Governor recommended and the Legislature approved three IT initiatives which the department still indicates a need for 6.0 FTE positions (5.0 permanent and 1.0 project) to support these initiatives.

The information technology infrastructure support project would provide state agencies expert assistance in establishing and monitoring service contracts for support services. The department initially indicated a need of 3.0 FTE positions to support this initiative, but now indicates a need of 2.0 FTE positions. The positions would be used to monitor contracts with one or more private vendors statewide who would provide technical IT support services to small state agencies for such items as hardware and software installation, operation problem resolution, help desk services, user training, and data base and application development and conversion. The department intends on beginning the program as soon as approved by JCF and then will reevaluate the needs of this program in the next biennial budget.

The documents imaging technical support project would assist state agencies through an expert imaging team in assessing the feasibility of imaging projects and the application design and implementation of imaging systems. The department continues to indicate that 3.0 FTE positions would be needed to support this initiative due to the growing demand by agencies to conduct imaging projects. The positions would be used to conduct imaging feasibility studies, provide imaging project management consulting, assist agencies in the design and implementation of imaging applications, and provide technology and expertise to allow agencies to set up prototype systems quickly and at low cost to an agency. The state currently has four major imaging applications under development (DETF, OCI, DFI and DOR), four other agencies in the planning stage (DOA, DHFS, PSC and WTCS), and eight agencies that requested funding in the biennial budget (DOC, DR&L, DOR, DVA, DFI, Gaming, OCI and DOJ).

The medical services re-engineering project would utilize technology to store and retrieve large volumes of information and utilize imaging as a major system component. The department initially indicated that 1.0 FTE position would be needed to support this initiative. However, now the department requests 1.0 FTE project position ending June 30, 2001, in order to have enough time to recruit and retain an individual to begin and implement the re-engineering project. At the end of the project period, the position and the re-engineering project can be reevaluated in time for the 2001-2003 biennium. The position would serve as project manager under which DOA would work with the Departments of Health and Family Services, Corrections and Veterans Affairs to examine the use of IT to streamline and improve the operation and delivery of services in the state's medical facilities. The project would identify IT hardware and software needed and develop a project plan for redesign of existing delivery of services.

The department requests 2.0 FTE permanent positions instead of 2.6 FTE positions to provide staffing for the state's telecommunication network as restructured under the BadgerNet project and related services for the technology for educational achievement in Wisconsin (TEACH) customers. The new network, incorporated into a new enterprise network management center (ENMC), will consist of several contracts for telecommunication services by diverse providers. The existing network contract was provided and managed by AT&T which expired on June 30, 1997, but a 6-month

extension was granted until December 31, 1997. The 2.0 FTE positions would serve as a router/wide area network management consultant and enterprise network management center oversight position. The router/wide area network management consultant would provide technical consulting to state agencies and TEACH customers in support of their router exchange requests, develop technical specifications and conduct problem resolution. The enterprise network management center oversight position would provide state oversight and direction to the ENMC and develop policies and procedures relating to BadgerNet network services offered to TEACH customers and state agencies.

The remaining 3.0 FTE positions related to the WisComp phase-out have been voluntarily reassigned and trained for duties related to IT in the department. One individual is assisting in the small agency support initiative (SASI), one is working in the advanced function presentation/electronic report distribution program, and the other is on interchange with the Department of Tourism. However, as of January 31, 1998, the 1.0 FTE position on interchange to the Department of Tourism accepted permanent employment with the Department of Tourism. Since the position requested would have been a project ending on June 30, 1999 and is now vacant, it could be argued that DOA no longer needs the position. Therefore, it is our recommendation that 1.0 FTE project position be deleted from the department's request. The 2.0 FTE positions remaining are being requested as project positions until June 30, 1999, in order to complete functions remaining from WisComp phase-out. The department indicates it will reevaluate the need for the 2.0 FTE positions in the next biennial budget.

As stated in the original request from DOA, no additional expenditure authority associated with the 7.0 FTE permanent positions and the 3.0 FTE project positions is being requested. Since 8.0 FTE positions (6.0 permanent and 2.0 project) would be created in the continuing program revenue-service appropriation under s. 20.505 (1)(kL), no request is needed for additional expenditure authority in that appropriation. In discussions with the department, it was indicated that the position adjustments would not impact rates charged to agencies for other program revenue services. Instead, the department has reduced rates for IT and telecommunication services over the past several years and will continue to reduce rates as utilization increases. The department indicates that it will monitor expenditure authority in the appropriation under s. 20.505 (1)(ke) and reallocate resources within its appropriation and operations to fund the 2.0 FTE positions (1.0 permanent and 1.0 project).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request for 7.0 FTE PR permanent positions on an on-going basis for the department and 3.0 FTE PR project positions with the following project end dates: (a) medical services re-engineering, June 30, 2001; (b) advanced function presentation/electronic report distribution, June 30, 1999; and (c) small agency support initiative, June 30, 1999.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL S. 16.505 REQUEST AND NEW REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

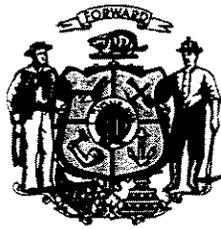
Original s. 16.505 Request (11/20/97)

New s. 16.505 Request

ITEM	FTE	FUNCTION	APPROPRIATION	ITEM	FTE	STATUS
<u>Initiatives Approved by Legislature</u>						
IT Infrastructure Support	1.00	Contract Administration	IT Processing Services	IT Infrastructure Support	1.00	Permanent
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Documents Imaging	1.00	Feasibility Studies	Telecom and DP Services	Documents Imaging	1.00	Permanent
Documents Imaging	1.00	Technical Assistance	IT Processing Services	Documents Imaging	1.00	Permanent
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Medical Services Reengineering	1.00	Project Management	Telecom and DP Services	Medical Reengineering	1.00	Project (End 6/30/01)
<u>Telecommunication Network Operations</u>						
Router/Network Management	1.00	Technical Consultant	IT Processing Services	Router/Network Mgmt	1.00	Permanent
Network Management Oversight	0.60	Technical Assistance	IT Processing Services	Network Mgmt Oversight	1.00	Permanent
BadgerNet Customer Service	1.00	Operations & Policies	IT Processing Services			
<u>Continuation of WisComp Employees</u>						
Small Agency Support Initiative	1.00	Agency IT Coordination	IT Processing Services	SASI	1.00	Project (End 6/30/99)
AFP/ERD Support	1.00	Web/Electronic Design	IT Processing Services	AFP/ERD Support	1.00	Project (End 6/30/99)
Graphic Design (Interchange)	1.00	Tourism Services	Printing Services			
Total:					10.00	(7.0 Perm/3.0 Project)

Note: All functions and appropriations requiring position authority remain the same for both the original and new request.

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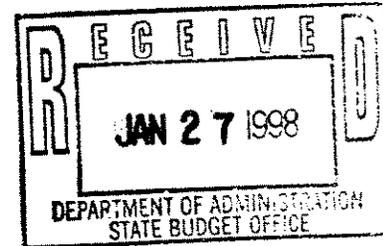


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Date: January 22, 1998
To: Richard Chandler, Director
State Budget Office
From: Mark D. Bugher, Secretary
Department of Administration
Subject: Request under stat. 16.505 for positions



I wish to withdraw the pending Department of Administration request, originated Nov. 5, 1997, under 16.505 and submit this new request. The prior request was for 12.60 PR FTE permanent positions. The new request is for 7.00 PR FTE permanent positions and 4.00 PR project positions. Three of the project positions would be authorized until June 30, 1999 and one would be authorized until June 30, 2001. All of the now requested positions are the same as in the earlier request and are cited in terms of that request.

Permanent Positions

2.00 PR Positions for Enterprise Network Management Center

The Department requests two FTE for the operations of the new Enterprise Network Management Center. One of the positions would assist agencies and TEACH customers with the router management required for Badgernet and the evolving technologies associated with this complicated network. The other positions would provide network center oversight on policies the new center will need for its ongoing operations.

3.00 PR Positions for Documents Imaging

This request remains as previously submitted to proceed with the program authorized by the legislature.

2.00 PR Positions IT Infrastructure Support

This represents a reduction from the previous request for 3.00 FTE. The Department will begin the program as approved by legislature and then evaluate any future needs for this program in the biennial budget for 99-01.

Project Positions

Project Position for Medical Services Re-engineering

The Department believes this program approved by the legislature will have a substantial benefit in dealing with the burgeoning medical records faced by state agencies. A project position that would carry forward to June 30, 2001 would permit us to recruit someone to direct this effort, yet would require a future evaluation as to the permanent need for a position after the next biennium.

Project Positions related to the WISCOMP Phase Down

The Department ended the operation of WISCOMP in 1997 but in the closeout residual parts of the business and three employees were reassigned. Three 3.0 FTE project positions are requested for the remainder of the present biennium until June 30, 1999 to deal with the phase down. Due to the sudden nature in which the program ended, the Department did not present a phase down plan to the Committee with the end of operations. The Department will re-evaluate the need for these positions in 1999.

While the actual business of providing graphics services to the agencies, primarily related to printing, was ended certain residual components carry forward. The Department of Tourism that in the past used WISCOMP services now has a graphic designer on interchange providing these services directly rather than through DOA. One FTE Project position is to continue the interchange arrangement with Tourism. Another designer shifted from printing design to electronic design and is providing services to agencies in the design of web pages. This is part of the ongoing electronic report and presentation services that our Division of Technology Management offers. The second of 1.00 Project FTE positions will let this individual continue. The third position that continues was the administrative person that worked with agencies to access the services of DOA for design work. This person is now assisting agencies with access to technology services in DOA. Again 1.00 FTE project position through June 30, 1999 is requested.

Fiscal Effect

As with the prior request, the Department believes it can accommodate the costs of these positions without asking for any legislative increase in spending authority.



TOMMY G. THOMPSON
GOVERNOR
MARK D. BUGHER
SECRETARY

Date: February 2, 1998

To: Mark D. Bugher, Secretary
Department of Administration

From: Peter Maternowski
Executive Policy and Budget Analyst

Subject: Request Under s. 16.505 from the State Historical Society to create two 0.25 PRO FTE additions to existing GPR positions.

REQUEST:

The State Historical Society (SHS) requests the creation a 0.25 PRO position addition to each of two existing 0.50 GPR positions at the Villa Louis historic site.

REVENUE SOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION(S):

Funds to support both 0.25 PRO positions will come from the admission and sales revenue created by the historic sites. These funds are deposited to the agency's PRO appropriation under s. 20.245 (2) (g). The Society estimates that the appropriation will have a balance of \$254,000 at the end of FY98.

BACKGROUND:

The State Historical Society owns and operates seven historic sites. These sites are supported by a combination of GPR, program revenue collected from admission fees and sales at the sites and SEG revenues from the Historical Society Trust Fund. In FY 96, approximately 49% of historic site expenditures were supported by GPR, 48% by PRO and the remaining 3% of expenditures was supported by SEG revenues.

The Villa Louis historic site was granted to the SHS in 1952 by the city of Prairie du Chien. The site, which is one of the Society's most popular attractions, drew nearly 24,000 paying visitors in FY96. Staff at the Society expect attendance levels to increase following the completion, this spring, of the first phase of a major renovation of Villa Louis. There are currently 2.0 GPR FTE permanent staff at the site. This total includes a 1.00 GPR FTE Historic Site Director, a 0.50 GPR FTE Curator-Senior position and a 0.50 GPR FTE Facility Repair Worker 4 position.

If approved, the Society's request would increase each of the half-time positions at Villa Louis to 75%. The Society argues that the increase in the curatorial position is needed to

meet expanding public programming needs at the site. The increase in the facility repair position is required to ensure that the investment in the facility that is being made during the renovation will be properly maintained. Moreover, the increase in both positions will improve the Society's ability to attract and retain qualified personnel at the site.

ANALYSIS:

The request for additional position authority is supported by the anticipated impact of the Villa Louis renovation on staff responsibilities, by the staffing patterns at the society's other sites and by the current staffing practice at Villa Louis. As argued by the Society, the renovation is likely to increase attendance at the site and to necessitate an increase in the level of public programming. Even before the current renovation project, Villa Louis consistently ranked as the Society's second or third most visited site. While attendance has historically been high, the site has operated with fewer permanent staff than is found at the SHS's other sites. Most sites have a full time curator and at least a 75% maintenance position. The Society has recognized the need for an increased staff presence at the site through its practice of supplementing Villa Louis's 2.0 FTE permanent staff members with LTE appointments. The cost of the increased FTE authority can be absorbed within the Society's existing budget since the Society already budgets for supplemental PRO LTE expenses at Villa Louis.

Increasing the two part-time positions to 75% will also enhance the Society's ability to recruit and retain qualified staff. The Society is beginning a national search for a curator. The Society has argued that the prospect of attracting qualified candidates will be improved if this request is approved.

Last year, the Historical Society Board of Curators approved fee increases for the historic sites. A general adult admission to Villa Louis, which cost \$5.00 in 1996, will be increased to \$7.25 in 1998. The increased position authority requested here will allow the Society to provide an enhanced visitor experience at the site, justifying the increased admission fee, and will, in addition, enhance the Society's stewardship of Villa Louis.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request.



State Historical Society of Wisconsin

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January 16, 1998

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TO: Peter Maternowski
State Budget Office
Department of Administration

FROM: Bob Thomasgard, Associate Director
State Historical Society

SUBJECT: Request to Create Two .25 PRO Additions to Existing GPR Positions

The Society requests the creation of a .25 PRO position addition to each of two existing .50 GPR positions at the Villa Louis historic site in accordance with section 16.505 of the Statutes. No additional PRO expenditure authority is requested.

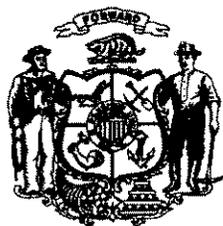
The permanent staff at Villa Louis presently includes a 1.00 GPR Historic Site Director position, a .50 GPR Curator-Senior position and a .50 GPR Facility Repair Worker 4 position. These existing staffing authorizations have existed since 1986. All other such type positions authorized in the Society — for other historic sites, the State Historical Museum and the Headquarters Building — are funded with GPR monies. Although the Society also feels these two additional .25 positions should be GPR-funded, that appears difficult, if not unlikely, in the near future — even though needs at Villa Louis have changed.

Over the last several years, the Society has been planning and undertaking a major remodeling and restoration of the Villa Louis Mansion and the Dousman Office buildings at the site. A master plan for the project envisioned a \$2 million investment in these buildings creating one of the premier Victorian house museums in the country. The first phase of that project was approved by the State Building Commission at their November, 1995 meeting. Over 65% of the just under \$1 million approved at that time came from the private sector through grants and donations. The first phase is expected to be completed in the spring of 1998.

The remodeling and restoration is expected to (a) increase the site's visitation and necessitate increased public programming (the responsibility of the curatorial position) and (b) require the need to protect the substantial investment being made in the buildings (the responsibility of the maintenance position). With the exception of the Madeline Island Historical Museum (which has 2.5 permanent staff) and the First Capitol (which has no permanent staff), no other Society historic site has less than a .75 curatorial position. Additionally, most Society historic sites have a 1.0 curatorial position (whether of collections and/or interpretation). Prior to the proposed remodeling and renovation and to date, Villa Louis employed LTEs to supplement the work of the half-time curatorial and maintenance positions. With the first phase of that work about to be completed, there is a need to create more of a permanent position complement for these functions. The increase in the authorization of both positions to .75 will also enhance the Society's ability to recruit and retain high quality staff. Because there is a large trade-off between salary and fringe expenditures for the LTEs and the additional .25 positions, there is not the need for more PRO expenditure authority if the increase in the positions is approved.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 18, 1998

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson
Governor
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Thompson:

We are writing to inform you that the members of the Joint Committee on Finance have reviewed your January 28, 1998 request, pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2, Stats., concerning the expenditure of federal local law enforcement block grant funds for the purchase of "cardscan" devices for sheriffs' departments throughout the state.

No objections have been raised concerning this request. Accordingly, the request is approved.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian Burke in black ink.

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of John G. Gard in black ink.

JOHN GARD
Assembly Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Secretary Bugher, Department of Administration
Jay Huemmer, Department of Administration
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

January 30, 1998

TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Senator Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Representative John Gard, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: Request for Expenditure of Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Under 1995 Wisconsin Act 132, the Governor may not administer, and state agencies may not encumber or expend, federal block grant funds authorized under any federal law enacted after August 31, 1995, without notifying the Joint Committee on Finance of the grant and the proposed expenditures. If the Co-Chairs of the Committee do not notify the Governor within 14 working days after receiving the request that a meeting has been scheduled to review the proposal, the moneys may be expended as proposed by the Governor. If a meeting is scheduled, no moneys may be expended without approval by the Committee.

The attached January 28, 1998, request from the Governor proposes to use the state's portion of federal block grant funds for local law enforcement (\$651,461) for purchase of "cardscan" devices for sheriffs' departments throughout the state. These devices allow sheriffs' departments to electronically transmit fingerprints to the Department of Justice. Last year, \$618,934 was used to provide and install cardscan devices in 28 counties. Under the Governor's proposal, all other eligible counties would receive the equipment. Any remaining funds would be used for supplemental grants to counties to support interfaces between the cardscan equipment and each agency's local record system.

Please review this item and notify Senator Burke or Representative Gard no later than **Tuesday, February 17, 1998**, if you have any concerns about the request or would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

BB/JG/jc
Attachment



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**

January 28, 1998

The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
The Honorable John Gard, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
119 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

The Federal Budget for fiscal Year 1997 provided a total of \$3,284,413 in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds to the State of Wisconsin. Of that total, \$2,632,952 is being provided directly to large local law enforcement agencies in separate awards. Per federal law, local agency award amounts are determined by a formula based on the number of Part I Violent Index Crimes as reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting system. The federal Bureau of Justice Assistance is making direct awards to those agencies which generated an award of \$10,000 or more.

State governments receive the remainder of each state's total allocation. This is the amount generated by smaller agencies which would have received less than \$10,000 by the formula method. For Wisconsin, this amount for FFY 1997 is \$651,461. This fund may be subgranted in any amounts to agencies not receiving a direct federal award.

Funds must be used for activities or costs within seven broad purpose areas which include new staff, overtime costs, equipment purchases, new court and adjudication projects, multi-jurisdictional task forces, and crime prevention programs. Funds may not be used to supplant existing fund sources and a ten percent match is required.

In 1996, the Badger Sheriffs Association and the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association recommended to the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA), the LLEBG administering agency, that the State share of funds be used toward the purchase of "cardscan" devices for Sheriff's Departments. This recent technology would enable fingerprint cards of persons arrested to be transmitted electronically to the State's criminal history repository in the Department of Justice. This process would increase the timeliness and accuracy of information available to all law enforcement agencies on persons arrested and convicted.

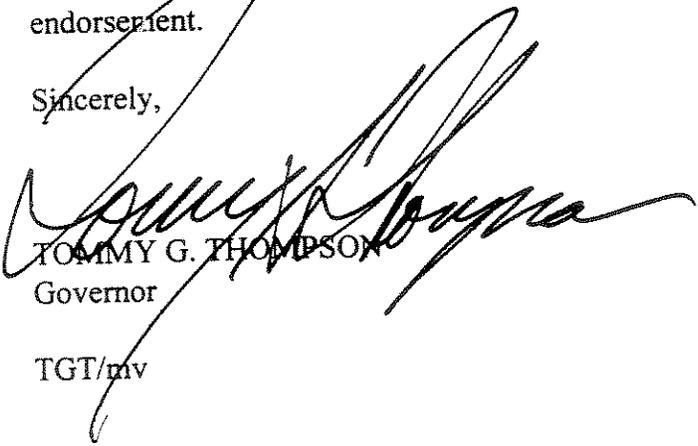


I proposed, and the Legislature accepted, this focus for FFY 1996 LLEBG funds. From 1996 funds, we will install cardscan equipment in 28 counties. (This subgranting process is currently underway.) With 1996 funds, an additional eight cardscan devices, plus three "livescan" machines (a still more automated fingerprint scanner), will be provided to Sheriff's Departments through another federal grant source, the National Criminal History Improvement Program. In last year's letter to Joint Finance, I indicated that I would be proposing to use FFY 1997 LLEBG funds to complete the installation of cardscan equipment in the remaining Sheriff Departments eligible for this funding. With the continuing support of the two major law enforcement organizations, my proposal to you now is to use FFY 1997 funds for this purpose. Since we project some funds remaining after grants to all eligible counties, I further propose to use any remaining funds to offer small supplemental grants to counties to support developing an interface between the cardscan equipment and each agency's local record system.

As proposed, this program would not require any administrative funds for the Office of Justice Assistance, and all funds would be expended for the benefit of local law enforcement agencies. The recipient agencies would be required to provide a ten percent cash match toward the purchase of this equipment. Funds would be expended through Chapter 20.505(6)(p), Stats., Federal Aid, Criminal Justice Improvement Projects, Local Assistance. This allocation would add \$651,500 in budget authority to the existing Office of Justice Assistance appropriation of \$1,966,700 for local subgrant awards, for a total SFY 1998 appropriation of \$2,618,200.

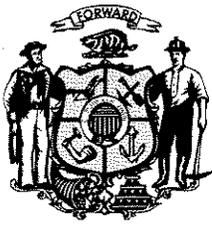
I am pleased that the Badger Sheriffs Association and Wisconsin Police Chiefs Association took the initiative to support this program concept and communicate their needs to us. I remain very enthusiastic about this program and encourage your endorsement.

Sincerely,



TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

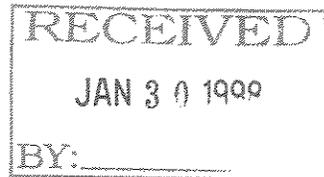
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**Governor
State of Wisconsin**

January 28, 1998



The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
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Joint Committee on Finance
119 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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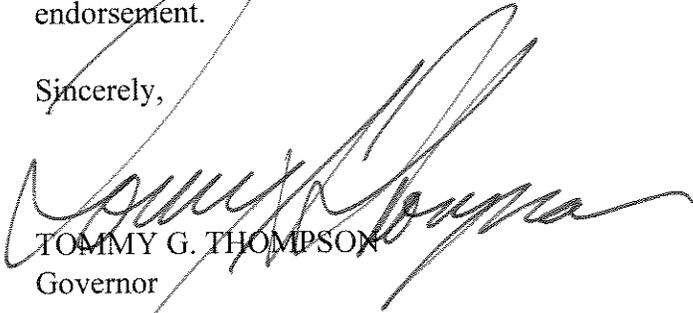


I proposed, and the Legislature accepted, this focus for FFY 1996 LLEBG funds. From 1996 funds, we will install cardscan equipment in 28 counties. (This subgranting process is currently underway.) With 1996 funds, an additional eight cardscan devices, plus three "livescan" machines (a still more automated fingerprint scanner), will be provided to Sheriff's Departments through another federal grant source, the National Criminal History Improvement Program. In last year's letter to Joint Finance, I indicated that I would be proposing to use FFY 1997 LLEBG funds to complete the installation of cardscan equipment in the remaining Sheriff Departments eligible for this funding. With the continuing support of the two major law enforcement organizations, my proposal to you now is to use FFY 1997 funds for this purpose. Since we project some funds remaining after grants to all eligible counties, I further propose to use any remaining funds to offer small supplemental grants to counties to support developing an interface between the cardscan equipment and each agency's local record system.

As proposed, this program would not require any administrative funds for the Office of Justice Assistance, and all funds would be expended for the benefit of local law enforcement agencies. The recipient agencies would be required to provide a ten percent cash match toward the purchase of this equipment. Funds would be expended through Chapter 20.505(6)(p), Stats., Federal Aid, Criminal Justice Improvement Projects, Local Assistance. This allocation would add \$651,500 in budget authority to the existing Office of Justice Assistance appropriation of \$1,966,700 for local subgrant awards, for a total SFY 1998 appropriation of \$2,618,200.

I am pleased that the Badger Sheriffs Association and Wisconsin Police Chiefs Association took the initiative to support this program concept and communicate their needs to us. I remain very enthusiastic about this program and encourage your endorsement.

Sincerely,



TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

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