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Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #185

### Grants Specialist Position (DOA -- Office of Justice Assistance)

[LFB 1999-01 Budget Summary: Page 83, #7]

#### CURRENT LAW

No provision.

#### GOVERNOR

Provide \$36,300 GPR in 1999-00 and \$39,800 GPR in 2000-01 and 1.0 GPR position for a grants specialist position.

#### DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The grants specialist position, as recommended by the Governor, would develop federal and private funding contract and resource directories, disseminate information on funding opportunities to state and local agencies, assist in writing applications for funding and other proposals which may secure federal or private foundation or corporate resources, and train local governmental and non-profit agencies in competing for grant funds.

2. The goal of the position is to bring in more federal and other grant monies to Wisconsin, both at the state and local levels. According to OJA, this position could be considered an investment, in that it is anticipated that the resulting increase in grant funds will be much more than the cost of the position.

3. According to recent Census Bureau statistics, Wisconsin is 49<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states in the per capita amount of federal funds received. According to the report, Virginia ranks first, with \$8,221 per capita received from federal monies, while Wisconsin's per capita amount is \$4,189. The fact that Wisconsin lacks a large low-income population, defense bases, a large

retirement population and federal jobs accounts for much of this discrepancy. However, Wisconsin also ranks 32<sup>nd</sup> in federal grants.

4. Although located in OJA, the position would assess and facilitate funding opportunities in a wider range of funding and programming areas, as directed by the OJA executive director and the Governor's office. Since this position's efforts would not be limited to justice-related agencies, this could be seen as broadening the mission of OJA beyond its justice assistance function.

5. A number of state agencies currently work to secure federal or other grants for programs or services under their purview. It could be seen that OJA's expertise in justice-related grant writing may not be helpful to those agencies applying for other types of grants.

6. It could be argued that this grants specialist function, serving such a broad spectrum of state and local agencies, would be more appropriately housed under DOA's Bureau of Intergovernmental Relations. This Bureau serves as a federal grant application clearinghouse, coordinating applications by all state agencies for federal funding. Therefore, it may be considered that this position could replicate to some degree work being performed by the Bureau. However, OJA argues that the Bureau of Intergovernmental Relations serves only as a clearinghouse and does not provide the types of services envisioned for this position, including solicitation of foundation funds.

7. Further, the Bureau's focus is on state-federal relations. Therefore, according to OJA, local agencies have nowhere to turn to for assistance. OJA indicates that it receives daily phone calls from sheriff's departments and other local agencies asking for information and assistance in securing federal funds. OJA envisions that the focus of the position would be working with local agencies, and argues that it has great expertise in applying for a variety of federal grants and passing these funds on to local governments. OJA believes its grant-making knowledge and capability make it best suited for this position.

8. The goal of the position is bring additional grant dollars to Wisconsin. If the Committee chooses to approve the position, a two-year project position, rather than a permanent position, could be considered. Under this alternative, OJA could be required to prepare a report for the Legislature no later than January 1, 2001, on the accomplishments of the grants specialist, including a listing of grants received by state and local agencies attributable to the grants specialist's efforts. This could provide the Legislature with information on the success of this approach before considering whether to make the position permanent.

## ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$36,300 GPR in 1999-00 and \$39,800 GPR in 2000-01 and authorize 1.0 GPR grants specialist position.

2. Modify the Governor's recommendation by providing a two-year project position,

rather than a permanent position, and require OJA to submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2001, detailing the accomplishments of the position, including a listing of grants received by state and local agencies attributable to the position's efforts.

3. Delete the position.

<u>Alternative 3</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$76,100
2000-01 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

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