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**Department of Finance** 

**Internal Audit and Licensing** 

DATE:

August 16, 2010

TO:

Javoyne Hicks White, Acting District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney

FROM:

Acting Deputy Director of Finance, Internal Audit & Licensing (DIAL)

**SUBJECT:** 

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Award # 601091)

RE:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

### **General Information**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was enacted in February, 2009. Goals of ARRA were to create new jobs, save existing jobs, spur economic activity, and invest in long-term growth. ARRA's methods of achieving these goals included increasing federal funds for education, healthcare, and entitlement programs by \$224 billion and providing \$275 billion for federal contracts, grants, and loans.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Administration Grant (JAG) is administered through the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Some grants are awarded by the DOJ to the State of Georgia through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The (CJCC) awarded the District Attorney's Office \$46,445 to be used in acquiring professional services to assist the Victim Witness Assistance Program. The services will enable the Program to provide translated documents and letters, brochures, and staff training on issues facing, and resources for, non-English speaking victims of felony crime.

The sub-grant may be used for any of the following purposes:

- Law Enforcement Programs
- Prosecution and Court Programs
- Prevention and Education Programs
- Correction and Community Corrections Programs
- Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs
- Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement Programs
- Crime Victim and Witness Programs

The grant period is for this award is from August 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010.

Grantor	Award Amount	Total Expenditures as of April 7, 2010	Award Balance
JAG	\$46,445	\$6,123	\$40,322

# Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the audit is to ascertain the level of compliance of all agencies receiving funds with existing contracts and grant agreements in the District Attorney's Office for ARRA funds.

# Scope

Our audit covered the period March 2009 through April 7, 2010. We reviewed the Board of Commissioner's Agenda and attachments, Oracle Data, invoices, and supporting documentation. Interviews were also held with employees from District Attorney and other departments.

### Conclusion

Based on our review, we concluded that District Attorney's Office is in compliance with the guidelines set forth by ARRA as of April 7, 2010.

Internal Audit expresses appreciation for the assistance provided by your staff during our review. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cornelia Louis

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