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Mr. John Chisholm
District Attorney, Milwaukee County
821 W. State Street, Room 405
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear District Attorney Chisholm:

I am pleased to inform you that after careful review and consideration of your request for Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Phase Two Implementation funding, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will authorize your JRI technical assistance provider, the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), to pass through \$300,000 to your jurisdiction. These implementation dollars will support your efforts to divert individuals from your criminal justice system that are assessed as low risk to re-offend, defer the prosecution for individuals assessed as moderate risk to re-offend, and for the establishment of the Central Liaison Unit to support the screening, assessment, placement, and oversight of these individuals.

I find your proposal to be innovative and ambitious. If you are successful in implementing the strategy to stabilize these individuals it can serve as a model for other jurisdictions with similar problems. BJA will be particularly interested in Milwaukee County's ability to sustain the budgeted staff positions and other activities after the JRI funding has concluded. You and your staff are to be commended for this outstanding and ongoing work.

In closing, I will ask that you work with CEPP for the development of a project scope statement based on this \$300,000 pass-through award, and the formal submission and documentation of your budget materials into the BJA grant management database. Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise E. O'Donnell".

Denise E. O'Donnell
Director

cc: Peggy Burke
Mimi Carter
Leilah Gilligan