COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Legistar File No. 14-265

DATÉ

March 26, 2014

TO

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Co-Chairman, Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee

Supervisor David Cullen, Co-Chairman, Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee

FROM

District Attorney's Office

SUBJECT :

Unanticipated Revenue Surplus from District Attorney's Victim Witness Grant

County Board Resolution 86-666 requires department heads to report to the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget in excess of \$100,000, or revenues received that exceed budget estimates by that amount. The report is to be submitted on a quarterly basis.

The district attorney's office received unanticipated revenue of \$103,615 on March 14, 2014, as follows:

Item	Short Description	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Variance
1	Victim Witness Grant	\$632,817	\$736,432	\$103,615

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services, reimburses counties semi-annually for the costs of their victim/witness programs, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 950.06. In our year-end accrual for the July-December 2013 reporting period, we estimated a reimbursement of 49 percent, but the actual reimbursement rate was 57 percent, resulting in an unanticipated revenue surplus of \$103,615 in the 2014 budget.

The state reimbursement rate for the victim/witness program plummeted to 40 percent in the July-December 2011 reporting period, but has rebounded since then, rising to 46.85 percent in January-June 2012, 46.5 percent in July-December 2012, 47.5 percent in January-June 2013, and to 57 percent in the most recent July-December 2013 reporting period.

Respectfully Submitted,

John 7./Chisholm

District Attorney

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive

Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

Scott Manske, Comptroller

Josh Fudge, Director, DAS Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget