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As a follow-up to our conversation on this past Tuesday regarding potential funding sources for Drug Court and the Deputy District Attorneys needed for the court, I have had the opportunity to gather some additional information about two possible programs.

As you are aware, in anticipation of the loss of Drug Court, Volunteers of America planned to and did submit a grant application to fund the Drug Court. In April the VOA submitted a 3.5 million dollar program for funding through the competitive JAG/Byrne Grant administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This grant solicitation was for 225 million dollars nationwide and will likely be extremely competitive. The proposal would fund 12 treatment staff plus an additional 8 positions, one of which is a Deputy District Attorney.

The second source is JAG/Byrne stimulus grant money awarded to the state in the amount of \$13.5 million. With the passage of Measure 57 and current economic issues facing the state, the Governor's office is looking for programs that would reduce costs in the corrections system. On behalf of the Governor, the Criminal Justice Commission would administer a program targeted at eligible Measure 57 offenders in four counties. This last chance drug court program, modeled after the Hope Court program in Hawaii, would allow judges and prosecutors to identify Measure 57 offenders who would be eligible for a downward departure alternative sentence. The current proposal is for the state to pay each of these four counties \$9.00 per day per offender. The dollars can be used for treatment, supervision, drug court and other expenses. Use of the dollars would be at the discretion of the county and it is anticipated that the grant dollars would fund the program for four years. Since this is not a competitive grant I would anticipate the state receiving the grant award within the next 60 to 90 days.

While either of these two programs could potentially get grant funding, the state's program obviously has a much greater potential as a source of dollars for Multnomah County and the Drug Court. The one caution I would offer at this time is that, because we are still looking at the early impacts of Measure 57, the number of offenders who would be eligible for this program is uncertain at this time.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions about these two programs.