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Representatives Lambeth, Saine, and Jones,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to let you know that the Administrative Office of the Courts has some serious concerns about acting as the administering entity for the $3.5 million grant to Caitlyn's Courage Inc. (H 1023, page 11-12, Section 4.2C, attached). AOC does not often administer grants to non-profits or DV service agencies. We would respectfully recommend that another agency is better equipped and more appropriate to efficiently administer these grants. Specifically, the Department of Public Safety has a new grant management system that allows them to administer funds and distribute them quickly. DPS already administers federal funds through the Governor's Crime Commission. We would recommend DPS as the administering agency for those reason. If not DPS, the Department of Administration currently administers state funds to DV centers and would be another possible candidate for administering the Caitlyn's Courage grant if DPS cannot. We have spoken with DOA's Legislative Liaison, Katie Hall, today and she too recommended DPS as the potential best fit, while also noting that DOA could administer the grant if DPS could not.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you believe it will be possible to make this change in the bill prior to passage. We are happy to be helpful in any way you might need on that front!

Best,

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