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Ms. Kate Stanley, Chair
Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus
Program Oversight Commission
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Stanley:

In response to your letter dated June 23, 2010, the following information is provided:

1. Projects

a. Project description:

The Department of Public Safety, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the Commission), applied for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and the Office for Victims of Crime. The Commission's mission is to equitably and efficiently provide crime victims with the services due to them under Hawaii law. In doing so, the Commission treats every victim and survivor with dignity and respect, acknowledging the tremendous impact that violent crime has upon crime victims and our society.

The purpose of the Victim of Crime Act ARRA funds directed to the Commission are to provide direct services to crime victims in support of the Recovery Act objectives to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery. The Commission pays expenses and losses, which includes out-of-pocket medical expenses, therapy expenses, lost earnings or lost wages incurred by the victim as a result of injuries received from a violent crime incident. In case of death, the Commission assists the family with funeral and burial costs. These payments contribute to the economic health, and thereby, job retention and creation for service provider businesses, individual crime victims, and the communities in which these victims and service providers reside.

b. Information on the amount of funds secured, encumbered and/or expended to date:

The Commission was awarded \$115,642 through the ARRA grant. As of June 30, 2010, all funds were secured and encumbered and funds in the amount of \$111,034.67 were expended.

- c. Information on any competitive grants for which the Department has applied, lost, and/or obtained and, if applicable, any explanation as to the reason for the failure to secure such grants:

Not applicable.

- d. Information on any funds that have been returned to the federal government and, if so, why:

No ARRA funds have been returned to the federal government.

2. Information on whether the Department's plans for ARRA funded projects are available on the State's ARRA website and, if not, why and/or when such information will be made available:

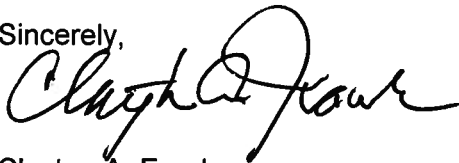
Information is available through the State's ARRA webpage.

3. Information on any problems or concerns the Department has encountered in securing and/or expending ARRA funds or with satisfying and reports requirements:

The additional, redundant requests by the State, such as this one, have placed burdens on staff. Also, the Oversight Committee determined, without agency input, how the federal stimulus grant funds would be expended (quarterly) which created additional work for the Commission's staff.

Should you have any questions please contact Ms. Rosalina Aipopo, Administrative Assistant, at (808) 587-1285 or via email at rosalina.p.aipopo@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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