

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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MEMORANDUM

By Dale S. Thompson

Date June 4, 1974

FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

Office of Special Prosecutor  
Statewide Investigation for Criminal Justice Corruption

The files of the Governor's Justice Commission and interviews with Commission personnel reveal the following:

74-DF-03-0009

Awarded May 31, 1974 for \$305,000 for the period April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975.

# 305,000

The immediate objectives of the Office of Special Prosecutor will be the completion of the Crime Commission investigation into police corruption in Philadelphia. It is anticipated within one month that the Special Prosecutor will be fully staffed. Within one or two months thereafter, the first indictments in cases in which the Crime Commission now has sufficient evidence to indict should be handed down. Prosecution of these cases should continue for approximately one year.

Thereafter, the Office of Special Prosecutor will pursue state- and system-wide corruption through investigation and prosecution, and will become a permanent office upon passage of a bill which has been submitted to the State Legislature.

This grant was endorsed by the Governor's Justice Commission on April 1, 1974 at the same time DS-482-73A was awarded for \$289,445.

DS-482-73A

Awarded April 1, 1974 for \$289,445 for the period April 15, 1974 to April 15, 1975.

289,445  
# 594,445

This subgrant will be used to assist in the funding of the Office of Special Prosecutor.

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June 4, 1974

It was necessary to reprogram these funds from Allegheny Region and a discretionary grant. See details attached.

Requests have been received for budget modification on both grants to run only to September 30, 1974. The Attorney General at the Governor's Justice Commission meeting on June 3 talked of this and that - both SPA and LEAA additional funding would be necessary.

Copies of pertinent information about the grants are attached.



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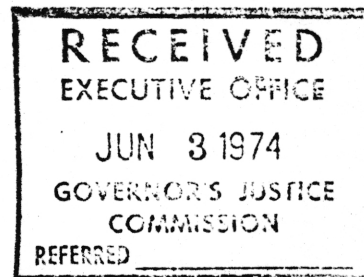


OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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1800 Two Penn Center  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

May 31, 1974

Mr. Charles F. Rinkevich  
Regional Administrator  
Philadelphia Regional Office  
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration  
325 Chestnut Street  
Suite 800, Mall Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106



Dear Mr. Rinkevich:

This is to request permission to modify the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant to the Special Prosecutor's Office by reducing the length of the project from one year to five and one-half months. This grant, in the amount of \$305,000, is for one year commencing April 15, 1974, and was made to the Special Prosecutor's office to assist in its investigation and prosecution of police corruption in the City of Philadelphia.

On May 1, 1974, Attorney General Israel Packel authorized me and my staff to represent the Commonwealth before the Special Investigating Grand Jury empaneled by the Honorable Harry A. Takiff on January 31, 1974. The matters which this grand jury was charged to investigate include corruption on the part of public officials in the awarding of architectural, engineering, construction and milk and dairy contracts with the City of Philadelphia, corruption on the part of public officials in various state agencies including the Liquor Control Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs and the Department of Revenue for Taxation for Education.

It's difficult for me at this time to provide you with what I anticipate will be my expenses in light of these increased responsibilities. However, I have spoken with Joseph Nardo who suggested that you, he, John Snavely of the Governor's Justice Commission and myself discuss my budget and the possibility of additional LEAA funds

Mr. Charles F. Rinkevich


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forthcoming for the Special Prosecutor's office. Mr. Nardozo said that he would be available in two weeks and would come to Philadelphia for such a meeting. By that time, I will have a better idea of exactly how much money I think I will need to set up and operate this office for one year. In light of this office's additional responsibilities, I intend to make a further application for additional funds from LEAA.

For now, I would like to modify the length of the present grant, so that it will run from April 15, 1974, to September 30, 1974.

Yours truly,

  
WALTER M. PHILLIPS, JR.  
Deputy Attorney General

WMP/dl

CC: Mr. Joseph Nardozo

✓ Mr. John Snavely

Hon. Israel Packel

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
HARRISBURG, PA. 17120

May 30, 1974

Mr. Thomas C. Berard  
Director of Administration  
Governor's Justice Commission  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Re: DS-482-73A  
Awarded: 4-1-74

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request a modification of the State Discretionary Subgrant (DS-482-73A) awarded to the Special Prosecutor's Office on April 1, 1974.

The purpose of the subgrant was to enable our office to continue the work of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission with respect to investigating and prosecuting allegations of police corruption in the Philadelphia Police Department. On May 1, 1974, Attorney General Israel Packer authorized me and my staff to represent the Commonwealth before the Special Investigating Grand Jury empaneled by the Honorable Harry A. Takiff on January 31, 1974. The matters which this grand jury was charged to investigate include corruption on the part of public officials in the awarding of architectural, engineering, construction and milk and dairy contracts with the City of Philadelphia, corruption on the part of public officials in various state agencies including the Liquor Control Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs and the Department of Revenue for Taxation for Education. Because of these additional investigations which require my office's immediate attention, I will be submitting shortly a new application to the Governor's Justice Commission for an additional subgrant. At the same time, I will submit a similar application to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Thomas C. Berard

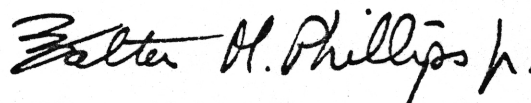
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In the meantime, I would request a modification of the outstanding subgrant so as to change its present termination date from April 15, 1975 to September 30, 1974.

Also, please change the Project Director from Richard E. Maloy to myself.

Yours truly,



Walter M. Phillips, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

cc: Israel Packel, Attorney General

WMP/mb

March 28, 1974

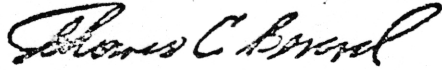
SUBJECT:

DS-482-73A - \$289,445  
Department of Justice

TO

Messrs. Reeser, Mantis, Kaminski, Small and MacCollum

FROM:

  
Thomas C. Berard  
Director of Administration

I have fiscally reviewed the Subgrant Application, DS-482-73A, submitted by the Department of Justice, for \$289,445 in Federal Funds.

I am in agreement with the transfer of funds, as stated on the attached memorandum that has become necessary in order to fund this project. The modification to the Plan should be recorded accordingly.

Attachment

TCB:FB:db

CC: Mr. Snavely  
file ✓

Mr. Rodney Torbic

March 27, 1974

**SUBJECT:** DS-482-73A - Department of Justice  
Federal Funds - \$289,445.00

**TO:** Thomas C. Berard  
Director of Administration

**FROM:** Richard D. Reeser, Chief *RDR*  
Application Control Section

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*Reeser*  
*cc: Torbic*  
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With regard to the funding of the above mentioned application, we are recommending that the project be funded from the d-5 program. In order to fund this project, the following amounts are to be transferred from d-1 to d-5:

\$196,566 - This is money originally allocated to the Allegheny Region which Rodney Torbic has indicated will lapse into Sennett Resolution.

\$ 92,879 - This is discretionary money originally programmed for use by the State Police. Commissioner Barger has informed us by letter that his agency will not be utilizing these funds.

Total \$289,445.00

This transfer is well within our  $\pm$  15% flexibility for transferring funds without federal approval.

RDR:dmo





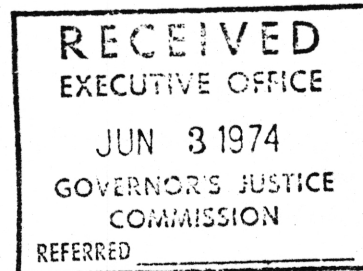
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION



MAY 31 1974

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE  
Suite 800  
325 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

TELEPHONE  
215/597-9440



Mr. John T. Snavely, Executive Director  
Governor's Justice Commission  
Department of Justice, Box 1167  
Federal Square Station  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108

Subject: DISCRETIONARY GRANT NO. 74-DF-03-0009 AMOUNT: \$305,000

Dear Mr. Snavely:

I am pleased to advise that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has approved a discretionary grant in the above amount to:

State Planning Agency: Governor's Justice Commission

Implementing Subgrantee: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice

Project Title: Office of Special Prosecutor - Statewide Investigator for Criminal Justice Corruption

Although this grant has been endorsed by and awarded to the State Planning Agency as co-applicant, it is recognized that basic responsibility for implementation will be reposed in the named subgrantee through award of a subgrant in the amount of the grant award. Official acceptance of the grant will take place upon return to the Regional Office of a duplicate countersigned copy of the award statement. Copies of the award statement are attached.

We are forwarding the following materials relating to administration of discretionary grant, which may be used as a permanent record and guide for administration of the grant. Accordingly, it is important that these materials be promptly transmitted to the proposed subgrantee for early familiarization with grant administration obligations.

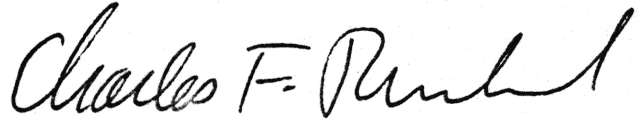
- a. Guide for Discretionary Grant Programs
- b. Financial Management for Planning and Action Grants
- c. A supply of quarterly financial progress report forms (Forms LEAA 7160/1 and 4587/1) for discretionary grants.

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Your attention is invited, in particular, to Appendix 7 of the Guide for Discretionary Grant Programs which indicates the extent of applicability of the Financial Management Guide to discretionary grants. The continuing applicability of the Grant Conditions which are contained in the application should be kept in mind.

If you or the proposed subgrantee have any questions concerning the administration of the grant, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



CHARLES F. RINKEVICH  
Regional Administrator

Encl.

cc: Subgrantee - Mr. Walter Phillips





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530



SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Grantee (Name of SPA): Pennsylvania Governor's Justice Commission,  
Department of Justice  
Grant Number: 74-DF-03-0009

In addition to the General Conditions and Conditions Applicable to Fiscal Administration to which this grant is subject, it is also conditioned upon and subject to compliance with the following special condition(s):

1. Grantee agrees to insure adherence by subgrantee to (i) such reporting requirements as may be established by LEAA including the requirements for quarterly financial and other progress reports prescribed for discretionary grant projects; (ii) financial administration requirements for discretionary grants as set forth in the LEAA Fiscal Year 1973 Guide for Discretionary Grant Programs; and (iii) general specifications and, where applicable, any special requirements established by the Guide for Discretionary Grant Programs for the particular discretionary grant program under which this award has been made.
2. The Grantee agrees to subgrant these funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice. For the purposes set forth in the application dated April 8, 1974 and signed by Israel Packel, Attorney General of Pennsylvania which has been adopted by the Grantee as co-applicant pursuant to its application endorsement dated April 1, 1974.
3. All published material and written reports submitted under this grant or in conjunction with contracts under the grant must be originally developed material unless otherwise specifically provided in the grant or contract document. When material, not originally developed, is included in the report, it must have the source identified. This identification may be in the body of the report or by footnote. This provision is applicable when the material is in a verbatim or extensive paraphrase format.
4. Grantee and subgrantee agree if a final court order or any other final legal process requires a change in the goals or objectives of this project, that a request to amend this grant will be submitted to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for its approval prior to the further expenditure of any federal funds; and further, if subgrantee is legally prohibited by final court order or other legal process from

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pursuing the investigation of police corruption in Philadelphia, that grantee and subgrantee will implement that portion of the project which involves statewide prosecution of criminal justice corruption.

5. The subgrantee agrees not to purchase for use in the course of the project any electronic, mechanical or other device for surveillance purposes that is in violation of the provisions of Title III, P.L. 90-351 as amended and applicable state statute, related to wire tapping and surveillance.

6. The subgrantee shall within 90 days of receipt of grant award furnish LEAA with information on the methods to insure the physical security of the office and documents pertaining to the project.

7. The National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will develop an evaluation plan for this project. Within 30 days of the receipt of that evaluation plan by subgrantee, subgrantee and grantee will inform LEAA of their acceptance of that plan. In the event that the evaluation plan is unacceptable to subgrantee or grantee, negotiations between LEAA and subgrantee and grantee regarding the evaluation plan will commence within 30 days.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE  
ADMINISTRATION



DISCRETIONARY GRANT  
PROJECT SUMMARY  
GRANT # 74-DF-03-0009

INSTRUCTIONS: This project is supported under Title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. For further information, please contact the below named member of the LEAA Staff, or project director. Please identify by grant number.

1. STAFF CONTACT Edwin S. Schriver Police Specialist, Region 3, 325 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106	2. PROJECT DIRECTOR Mr. Walter Phillips, Esq. #2 Penn Center Plaza Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102
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3. TITLE OF PROJECT Office of Special Prosecutor - Statewide  
Investigator For Criminal Justice Corruption

4. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE Mr. John T. Snavelly, Executive Director Governor's Justice Commission Department of Justice, P.O. Box 1167 Federal Square Station Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108	5. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBGRANTEE Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Justice Capitol Annex Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
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6. AMOUNT OF AWARD \$ 305,000	7. PERIOD OF AWARD April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975
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8. TOTAL PROJECT AMT. \$339,000	9. TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD 12 Months	10. DATE OF AWARD May 31, 1974
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11. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This project will pursue the investigation and prosecution, where warranted, of some 200 Philadelphia Police Department Officers named in the March 1974 Pennsylvania Crime Commission Report. LEAA funds will establish the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Pennsylvania with this discretionary grant and a supplementary \$289,445 block grant. The staff will consist of a Special Prosecutor, one/first assistant, four attorneys and ten special investigators. This grant will also support surveillance equipment, a security and alarm system, confidential funds, and office equipment.

It is contemplated that the above investigation and prosecution will take about one year. Thereafter, the Office of Special Prosecutor will pursue state and system wide corruption through investigation and prosecution and will become a permanent office upon passage of a Bill which has been submitted to the state legislature.

This Award of \$305,000 has been made under Title I of the Crime Control Act of 1973, P.L. 93-83 and meets the requirements of the 1974 DF Guideline for Statewide Corruption Control Units (I-4).