

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 23: Criminal Justice Commission Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Sanchez

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of up to \$250,000 for a Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards (or PREA) grant.

This competitive grant opportunity is for projects designed to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities in order to achieve and maintain compliance with PREA standards. Only five awards are anticipated, with a performance period of two years. If awarded, the funding would be passed on from the Commission to the Department of Corrections, which would utilize the grant to pay for additional training for its PREA compliance managers and Sexual Abuse Response Teams in its facilities. Applications were due May 23rd and there is a 50% match of cash or in-kind, which DOC can provide by assigning two permanent staff members to assist with the training.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.