

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

Proposed FY 2015 Appropriation Language

New Language is bolded and underscored and deleted language is enclosed in brackets

For salaries and expenses, including the transfer and hire of motor vehicles, of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, as authorized by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, [\$227,968,000] **\$232,568,000** of which not to exceed \$2,000 is for official receptions and representation expenses related to Community Supervision and Pretrial Services Agency programs; of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for dues and assessments relating to the implementation of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Interstate Supervision Act of 2002; of which [\$168,449,000] **\$171,723,000** shall be for necessary expenses of Community Supervision and Sex Offender Registration, to include expenses relating to the supervision of adults subject to protection orders or the provision of services for or related to such persons; of which [\$59,519,000] **\$60,845,000** shall be available to the Pretrial Services Agency: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, all amounts under this heading shall be apportioned quarterly by the Office of Management and Budget and obligated and expended in the same manner as funds appropriated for salaries and expenses of other Federal agencies: **Provided further, that amounts under this heading may be used for incentives for offenders and defendants successfully meeting terms of supervision:** [Provided further, That not less than \$1,000,000 shall be available for re-entrant housing in the District of Columbia:] Provided further, That the Director is authorized to accept and use gifts in the form of in-kind contributions of space and hospitality to support offender and defendant programs; and equipment, supplies, and vocational training services necessary to sustain, educate and train offenders and defendants, including their dependent children; **and incentives for offenders and defendants meeting terms of supervision:** Provided further, That the Director shall keep accurate and detailed records of the acceptance and use of any gift or donation under the previous proviso, and shall make such records available for audit and public inspection: Provided further, That the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Director is authorized to accept and use reimbursement from the D.C. Government for space and services provided on a cost reimbursable basis.

Justification of Proposed Appropriation Language Changes

CSOSA requests authority to provide offenders and defendants with incentives for successfully complying with terms of supervision. CSOSA requests authority to purchase incentive items with appropriated funds and receive in-kind donations (gifts) of incentive items for distribution to eligible offenders.

CSOSA requests to remove language requiring that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be available for re-entrant housing. Stable housing is a critical element to successful supervision. CSOSA provides limited contract transitional housing services for our offender population, including offenders re-entering the community on parole or supervised release status after incarceration in a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility. CSOSA does not feel that this language is necessary.