

## **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia**

### Proposed Changes in 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 and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, as authorized by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, [\$201,388,000], **\$214,363,000**, 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 not to exceed \$400,000 for the Community Supervision program and \$160,000 for the Pretrial Services program, both to remain available until September 30, 2008, are for Information Technology infrastructure enhancement acquisitions**; of which [\$129,360,000], **\$135,457,000** 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 [\$42,195,000] **\$46,196,000** shall be available to the Pretrial Services Agency; and of which [\$29,833,000] **\$32,710,000** shall be transferred to the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia: *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 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 and vocational training services to educate and train offenders and defendants: *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: *Provided further*, That for this fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the Public Defender Service is authorized to charge fees to cover costs of materials distributed and training provided to attendees of educational events, including conferences, sponsored by the Public Defender Service, and notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, said fees shall be credited to the Public Defender Service account to be available for use without further appropriation.

## **Justification of Proposed Appropriation Language Changes**

### **Community Supervision Program (CSP) and Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) Information Technology Infrastructure:**

Since its creation, CSP and PSA has devoted substantial resources to computerizing paper files and designing and implementing integrated information systems and processes that track the thousands of parolees and probationers under supervision in the District of Columbia. CSP and PSA's information technology network is required to process, maintain and protect offender data, enable efficient business processes by agency staff, and be responsive to public inquiries. CSP and PSA are requesting authority to carry-over \$560,000 in two-year funding to support a fund for high-priority purchases of hardware and software technology necessary for adequate maintenance and protection of all agency information and systems from threats to confidentiality, integrity, availability, accountability, and authenticity. CSP and PSA's IT infrastructure has grown and requires additional funding for routine lifecycle replacement and the authority to manage end-of-year funds in subsequent fiscal years is a strategy to meet this need without requesting new budget authority.