OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:	GOVERNOR
FROM:	RILEY
SUBJECT:	RECOMMENDATION: JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES 2002/2003 FUNDING
DATE	6/4/02
CC:	BOYD

As I explained to you in an earlier memo, Dr. Haynes, JMG Executive Director, has secured funding from the local Workforce Investment Areas for the programs in Pontotoc, the Delta and the Gulf Coast. He is searching for funding for the programs in Jackson and those 15 JMG sites that were in existence prior to his joining JMG. He needs a mix of \$1 million from MDE, MDA (WIA funds) and DHS (TANF funds) for those sites.

JMG received \$250,00 in TANF funds and \$45,000 in WIA discretionary funds this year. Dr. Haynes has specifically requested \$500,000 in TANF funds and \$500,000 in WIA funds for the 2002/2003 budget. I have reviewed his budget, spoken to Jessie at DHS and Jim Lott at MDA, and asked Haynes some follow-up questions regarding his budget. Jessie said that DHS has budgeted \$250,000 to JMG. Lott said that we have a balance of approximately \$1.5 million in discretionary WIA funds for distribution between now and next June (this is after the funds are distributed for the Computers in the Classroom initiative and the About Face pilot program). He said we could provide \$250,000 to JMG without a problem if this is your wish.

I've attached a copy of JMG's proposed budget for your information. JMG's 2002/2003 projected budget of \$2,167,740 is an increase of \$299,165 over its 2001/2002 budget of \$1,868,575. Haynes attributes the need for this increase to us underfunding the program last year in tight times. I have explained to Haynes that fiscal times are tight, agency budgets are being cut and it is going to be hard to justify an increase. Haynes has ranked the programs according to their strengths/weaknesses and he has an idea of what program(s) can be cut if necessary. JMG has not budgeted any revenue from the Department of Education for 2002/2003, although MDE provided \$300,000 in Title 6 and Curriculum Instruction funds for the 2001/2002 budget.

I recommend that you approve \$250,000 in TANF funds and \$250,000 in discretionary WIA funds to JMG for its 2002/2003 budget. Haynes is going to say that he needs the full requested \$1 million and I recommend that we tell him to secure the \$300,000 from MDE that it provided this year (this puts the pressure on MDE to provide funding so that programs don't have to be cut). If JMG secures the \$300,000 from MDE, the program will have a 2002/2003 budget of \$99,165 more in revenue and expenses than in 2001/2002. Do you want to authorize \$250,000 in TANF funds from DHS and \$250,000 in WIA discretionary funds from MDA for the JMG 2002/2003 budget? (NOTE: If you want different amounts, please indicate the desired amount)

Yes _____ No _____