
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: JOBS FOR MS GRADUATES: MDHS AND WIA FUNDS FOR 2004
DATE: 5/9/03
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Dr. Joe Haynes and I met yesterday for him to update me on JMG's efforts to obtain funding for 2004.

Haynes shared with me information from Ken Smith at Jobs for America's Graduates regarding the reauthorization of the WIA. As you know, JMG is an in-school program. Nearly 40% of the funding for JAG State Affiliates throughout the country come from either state or local sources of WIA. Current committee language in Congress would preclude the use of WIA funds to serve in-school youth. The Administration is proposing that the federal vocational and technical Perkins Act concentrate on in-school youth programs and WIA concentrate on out-of-school youth programs.

JMG has already felt the impact of this proposed change. Both the South Delta Workforce Area and the Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation have cited this anticipated change as reason for not funding JMG next year. South Delta's \$278,850 funded JMG programs in 4 schools, while Gulf Coast's \$286,333 funded JMG's 6 coastal programs. Dr. Haynes is meeting with Jeff Dahl and Maurice Singleton, JMG Board members from the Beau Rivage, to discuss other funding strategies for the coast programs. Dr. Haynes has submitted a renewal grant proposal to the Three Rivers PDD and he has submitted new funding grant proposals to the Hinds County WIA Board, South Central PDD and the Twin District WIA. If these or other funding proposals are not approved/obtained, we will have to cut the 10 programs in June. I'll keep you posted.

Dr. Haynes is seeking your approval of DHS and WIA both continuing their \$250,000 funding to the program. DHS provided \$250,000 in TANF funds and MDA provided \$250,000 in discretionary WIA funds for JMG's 2002/2003 operations. Both entities also funded JMG in 2001/2002, although WIA was only \$45,000 for that period. If you approve these funding levels, I'll convey your approval to Thelma Brittain and Jim Lott.

I recommend that you approve \$250,000 in TANF funds and \$250,000 in discretionary WIA funds to JMG for its 2003/2004 budget. Do you want to authorize this?

Yes _____

No _____