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Ms. Yuki Miyamoto-Mendez
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Office of Public Safety Communications
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Re: Puerto Rico Request for Match Proportionality Waiver- Grant Number: 72-10-S13072

Dear Ms. Miyamoto:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a waiver from the FY 2013 SLIGP award's Match Proportionality requirement. We are requesting the waiver cover the entire Award Period. As required, this waiver request is being submitted along with supporting documentation. Puerto Rico is fully committed to meeting the total required match over the life of the grant project period, but this match will not be provided until later in the grant cycle (please see attached baseline expenditure plan).

The enclosed NTIA-approved Baseline Expenditure Plan (BEP) fully describes the amount of budgeted matching funds and the planned rate of expenditures. Puerto Rico has the commitment to fully comply with the criteria set out in the subsidy provided by your agency. However, at the time of the granting our Office did not have the funds at the time, however we have been immersed in the formalities for the Match of the funds. Among the management that our office is running is on the budget request by a Special Allocation of State Funds (FY15) in which we hope will be adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor for which come into effect on July 1, 2014.

Although we have done our best to anticipate how much time each person will spend performing SLIGP related activities on a quarterly basis, it may not always equate to exactly meeting the match proportionally each quarter. Rather than risk non-compliance, we would much prefer to only be held to the requirement of meeting the full match by the end of the Award Period and not on a quarterly basis.

Cordially,



Sally Garrafa Echevarría
Executive Director