

From: [Office of Representative Gwen Moore]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [OJP]
Cc: [OLA]
Subject: RE: Earmark Question

I am very sorry, but it looks like I gave you some incorrect information. Apparently Justice 2000 (the listed earmark recipient) does still exist as a division of one of the other non-profits I mentioned, Community Advocates. Hopefully it could be possible to direct the funds to them.

[text omitted]

From: [OJP]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 4:03 PM
To: [Office of Representative Gwen Moore]
Cc: [OLA]
Subject: RE: Earmark Question

Hey [text omitted], I'm not sure what can be done since the recipient is directed by statute, but let me consult with our general counsel and budget staff and get back to you.

From: [Office of Representative Gwen Moore]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 10:01 AM
To: [OJP]
Subject: RE: Earmark Question

Sure. Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. The earmark is designated for Justice 2000 to establish and expand Community Justice Centers. The issue is that Justice 2000 no longer exists because it largely merged with Community Advocates (a pre-existing organization). However, the people we had been working with left Justice 2000 to go to Wisconsin Community Services (also a pre-existing organization). This was an amicable split, the Justice 2000 team knew they would be more effective at those other groups. They have an agreement that any grant money that each group received would go to that group's new organization.

If you googled "Justice 2000 merge" the press would say that they've all gone to Community Advocates, but that isn't the case because a small part of their team – the ones we wanted to send the money to – have gone to Wisconsin Community Services. I understand this is less than ideal. We probably wouldn't have tried to get them an earmark if we knew they were going to dissolve.

Thanks again,
[text omitted]

From: [OJP]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 9:53 AM
To: [Office of Representative Gwen Moore]
Subject: RE: Earmark Question

Hey [text omitted], it depends on who the recipient is listed on in the bill. Since earmarks are now part of the statutory language, we have less flexibility to change things after the bills are passed and signed into law. The earmark will have to go to whatever legal organization is listed in the bill and for the purpose listed in the bill. Can you give me more information?

From: [Office of Representative Gwen Moore]

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 5:59 PM

To: [OJP]

Subject: Earmark Question

Hi, [text omitted]. I think you're the right person for this question.

We have an organization that got an earmark but they have since merged with another organization. The thing is, the group really had a mutually agreeable split/strategic realignment and most of them went with Organization A and a couple of them went with Organization B. The press and most locals think that they have just merged with Organization A, but the grantwriter we worked with and the program people we know and like went with Organization B.

Can we somehow ensure the earmark goes to Organization B?

Thanks,
[text omitted]

[text omitted]
Legislative Director
Rep. Gwen Moore
[text omitted]