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Date: November 22, 2024

To: Barbara Casamento

From: Mike Mansur, Director of Communications
Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Re: Sole Source Contract - Center for Conflict Resolution under
Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant

Memo:

As we approach the end of 2024, we are winding down a program funded by an Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. We have \$30,000 remaining to spend. We plan to continue an effort already initiated under this grant to send criminal cases to Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB), which are trained and staffed by the Center of Conflict Resolution. We have already forwarded enough cases to CCR to spend the remaining balance. We pay CCR about \$2,000 per case completed through its restorative justice process, which included the NAB. Please see earlier attached 2021 memo from former assistant prosecuting attorney Kate Brubacher for more details of the specific services CCR offers in each case.

Please be advised that CCR remains the only full-scope Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice organization in the Kansas City metro area. It has operated here for more than 20 years and its staff are properly training for their jobs in mediation and restorative justice programs. Their training and experience in our programs are invaluable. This program would not be possible without CCR and their experience. They should continue to be considered by Jackson County as a sole source for this work.