



## North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Current & Pending GCC Subrecipients

From: Wesley H. Walters  
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Subject: OJP Funding Restrictions

As you may know, federal funding through the NC Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Recently, OJP has notified GCC of restrictions regarding OJP funds. One key change concerns food and beverage purchases for meeting, trainings and conferences. As of October 21, 2011, food and beverages will no longer be allowable costs. A letter addressing this change was mailed to you from GCC this week.

In addition, we have learned as of October 31, 2011, sub-recipient projects may not make expenditures for promotional items or "trinkets" (i.e.: no t-shirts, pens, pencils, portfolios, mugs or other logo-typed items, etc.). Per OJP, there will be **no exceptions**. We did inquire as to whether t-shirts for youth programs and summer camps would be allowed. We were told they would no longer be allowed. If funds have not been expended and/or orders for products made as of October 31, 2011, GCC will not reimburse regardless of whether OJP has approved the publication rendering. GCC will only reimburse for items purchased by the subrecipient prior to October 31, 2011 when we were told of the new restriction. Subrecipients may make budget adjustments to move funds allocated for such items to allowable cost line items.

We have been told the financial guide will be updated to include this information in the near future. Subrecipients with active grants may contact their Grants Management Specialist with questions or concerns. Likewise, current grant applicants may contact the planning section with questions or concerns regarding this matter.

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