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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Angelo and Representative Horbach
FROM: Eric Tabor, Chief of Staff *ET*
RE: Follow-up Questions for Subcommittee
DATE: January 23, 2001

We appreciated the opportunity to appear before your subcommittee and discuss the Department of Justice. As I mentioned, we are always available for questions and would be more than happy to have your committee members visit our offices to learn more about what we do.

In response to Beth Lenstra's email regarding follow-up questions, I am submitting the following information:

1. Legal Services Corporation of Iowa (LSCI). I spoke with Dennis Groenenboom of LSCI today and he indicated that he would provide the requested information as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of this week.
2. Toys 'R' Us Settlement. I am attaching a summary of the distribution of funds received in the Toys 'R' Us settlement. As I discussed at the meeting, the settlement was intended to provide restitution to the victims of the alleged anti-competitive activity. The court approved the distribution of toys and money for toys and books as a way to provide such restitution. While the settlement dollars belonged to the victims and were distributed as directed by the court, \$12,587 was received by the State of Iowa for attorneys fees and this money was deposited in the antitrust enforcement fund.
3. Forfeitures. I am attaching a summary by county of the forfeiture funds (cash and vehicles) received for FY99 and FY00. We can provide further breakdown by agency if needed. In answer to Beth's question, there are no federal restrictions on the expenditure of moneys in the forfeiture fund maintained by the Iowa Department of Justice.

If you need additional information, then please let us know.

Attachments



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Summary of Distribution of Toys 'R' Us Funds January 23, 2001

The Iowa settlement in the "Toys 'R' Us" litigations includes cash and toys with a value totaling approximately \$450,000. The majority of the proceeds of this settlement are in the form of toys that are being distributed over three holiday seasons through the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. The cash portion, \$141,482, was distributed through a Court approved grant process to agencies and organizations that serve at-risk youth to aid them in their delivery of services. (Attorneys fees in the amount of \$12,587 were awarded- to the state and deposited in the anti-trust enforcement fund.)

In August of 2000, the Iowa Attorney General's Office sent out 60 invitations to apply for the cash portion of the settlement and subsequently received 63 applications with dollar requests totaling \$259,619. The applications received are summarized below and then listed individually in a chart.

Summary of Grant Requests:

	Number	Requests	Awards
Funded	42	\$178,632	\$141,482
Non-Funded	18	\$64,422	0
Disqualified	3	\$16,565	0
Total	63	\$259,619	\$141,482

In general the grant applications were of a very high quality. In order to spread the available funds as far as possible, and because of the generally good quality of the requests, the maximum award was limited to \$4500. We had estimated it might be \$5,000.

Because the bulk of the total funds from the settlement are already being made available to needy youth in the general population through Toys For Tots, the stated purpose of this grant process was to provide therapeutic or programmatic benefit to juvenile justice or child welfare system youth or youth highly at risk to enter those systems. Since the number of requests exceeded the funding available, this criteria was used as the basis for declining some requests and reducing the grant amount for others.

Reductions were also made in some grant awards because of the large number and size of requests made from the same area. Evidence of collaboration was included as a criteria in the application. Multiple non-coordinated grants tend to demonstrate less collaboration. A goal of the process was to distribute the funds fairly and evenly around the state as much as that was possible.

Some grants were ranked more highly simply because they had a more effective plan or creative use for the material, for instance serving larger numbers of youth with the same materials. These grant applications tended to receive an amount closer to full funding while those who were less creative, therapeutic or programmatic tended to have greater dollar reductions from their requested amount.

Funded applications are listed below by the amount awarded.

Name	Location	Use	Request	Award
YESS Shelter	Polk	Books; Computer equip	5000	-4500
Scavo Alt. Sch	Polk	Magazine subscriptions for parent student discussion and skill building projects.	5000	4500
Polk County PCYS Shelter / Detention	Polk	Materials for diversity program, play set, shoes.	5000	4500
Children and Families of Ia.	Southern Iowa	Therapy, family violence, dev material	5000	4500
Broadlawns Hosp	Polk	Therapy materials	5000	4500

YSS.	Rural Story Co area	After-school toys, art, edu material, software	5000	4500
Iowa Homeless Youth Shelter / YSS.	Polk	Toys, books and games for homeless day shelter and street outreach	5000	4500
State Training School - Eldora	State	Educational materials for parenting classes	6900	4500
Central Place SE Polk School	Polk	Toys and books for Early Learning Program and Season of Sharing program	8300	4500
Boys and Girls Clubs.	Polk	Toys, maps, life skills, art, games	7081	4500
Bremwood Res Treatment	Waverly	Toys, games and software for RT and shelter	5000	4500
Hillcrest	Dubuque	Play therapy	5000	4500
Marshall Co. Youth and Viol Committee	Marshall	Mini-grants to collaborative partners ex summer and after school programs	5000	4500
Tanager Place	Linn	Educational computers for long term RT PMIC	4803	4500

Four Oaks	Linn	Toys and games for after school program for at risk elem kids	4685	4500
Young House	Muscatine	Therapeutic books, puppets, art for Family Services, Sch Res Center and Counseling	4965	4500
Children's Services of Central Iowa	8 Central Iowa communities	Toys, early learning for at risk kids day care including DHS Protective Service	5000	4500
Children's Square	Pottawattamie	Computers for shelter and PMIC	4490	4000
Foundation 2	Linn	Books and other materials for t w o d a y treatment program, one girls one coed	4221	4000
Lakes Decat	Clay	Books, toys and edu for in home visit program for at risk young / teen moms	11750	4000
Westside Action	Woodbury	Toys, software, rec and art for After school program	5 0 0 0	4000
NW Iowa Mental Health	Eight counties in NW Iowa	Toys and edu videos for mental health therapy	5000	4000

Sioux City collaborative of five agencies	Woodbury	Books, edu software, games	5000	4000
Crittenton Shelter	Woodbury	Books, mags and toys for shelter	4750	4000
Gerard	Cerro Gordo	Books and videos for PMIC library	3500	3200
ACT II Program	Five county area south of DM	Day Treatment physical "challenge kit"	3500	3200
Francis Lauer Youth Services	Mason City	Therapeutic games for shelter and counseling	4087	3111
Woodrow Wilson Action After School Program	Woodbury	Computers, Arts and Crafts and edu games for after school program.	5000	3000
Quakerdale	Carroll	Shelter Care and RT books and play therapy	3000	2700
Orchard Place	Polk	Sports equip for rec therapy	2910	2610
Youth Shelter Care of NC Iowa	Fort Dodge area	Games books and videos for shelter	2800	-2800
Centers Against Abuse and Sexual Assault	Clay	Videos, books, educational materials for children of abuse victims	2475	2175

Spencer Child Protection Center	Clay	Toys, books, videos for child abuse victims, and at risk	2000	1700
Child Abuse Prevention Council	Warren	Respite and Young Parents Programs books, videos rec	2000	1700
American Home Finding	Wapello	Educational materials for youth in emergency shelter program	1905	1605
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and support	story	Books and computer for domestic abuse victims and kids	4000	1858
Boys and Girls Home	Woodbury	Books and toys for expansion of RT to younger k i d s	1500	1500
Alternative Services	Linn	Books, toys and edu for mentoring program for at risk	1500	1 5 0 0
South Central Youth and Family Services	Warren	Computer, recreation and books for shelter	1250	1250
Knoxville Middle School	Marion	Books and educational materials for learning center. Fund life skills part of request only.	3398	1211

Catholic Charities	Woodbury	Play Therapy	1000	1000
Emmet Co. Empowerment	Emmet	Lending library for home visit and educational program for at-risk	862	862
Total			178632	141482

Forfeiture Funds Summary by County for FY 99 and FY 00

County (includes all law enforcement agencies in each county)	FY99 (July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999)		FY 00 (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000)	
	Cash	Veh	Cash	Veh
	Adair			\$10,603.80
Adams			\$4,724.10	
Allamakee			\$6,951.00	
Appanoose	\$3,323.70	1		
Audubon				
Benton	\$1,440.00	1		
Black Hawk	\$42,314.59	3	\$95,936.75	1
Bdone	\$391.05	1	\$6,209.16	1
Bremer				
Buchanan				
Buena Vista	\$5,630.40	2	\$2,986.42	
Butler			\$0.90	
Calhoun			\$5,426.94	
Carroll				
Cass	\$5,854.77	1	\$900.00	1
Cedar	\$2,469.60		\$3,898.80	1
Cerro Gordo	\$19,991.45	2	\$19,271.70	
Cherokee				
Chickasaw			\$3,689.60	
Clarke	\$747.00	1	\$1,800.00	
Clay	\$479.33		\$4,942.32	
Clayton				
Clinton	\$14,662.56	3	\$36,066.23	3
Crawford				
Dallas	\$31,160.37	4	\$17,084.80	4

county (includes all law enforcement agencies in each county)	FY 99 (July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999)		FY 00 (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000)	
	Cash	Veh	Cash	Veh
Davis	\$574.20			
Decatur	\$9,622.80			
Delaware			\$1,499.08	1
Des Moines		3	\$65,541.84	7
Dickinson	\$498.83	1	\$23,537.70	6
Dubuque	\$21,357.72	4	\$8,424.00	3
Emmet	\$216.90	2		1
Fayette		1		
Floyd	\$2,214.00		\$1,136.16	1
Franklin	\$1,350.00	2	\$106,011.34	1
Fremont		1	\$135.00	1
Greene I			I \$2,487.90	4
Grundy			\$19,469.75	
Guthrie	\$1,218.60		\$3,006.90	2
Hamilton	\$450.00		\$202.71	
Hancock				
Hardin	\$8,690.40		\$596.70	2
Harrison	\$2,882.70			
Henry	\$1,582.36	1	\$3,825.90	
Howard				
Humboldt				
Ida		2	\$2,610.00	
Iowa				
Jackson	\$2,969.06	2		
Jasper	\$19,222.57	6	\$12,835.32	
Jefferson			\$2,012.40	4
Johnson	\$6,559.54		\$10,829.93	
Jones	\$2,007.00	1	\$354.60	

County (includes all law enforcement agencies in each county)	FY 99 (July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999)		FY 00 (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000)	
	Cash	Veh	Cash	Veh
Keokuk			\$6.07	
Kossuth			\$4,384.10	
Lee	\$10,725.85	3	\$17,826.87	9
Linn	\$18,736.21		\$15,143.53	
Louisa	\$81.00			
Lucas	\$858.19	1	\$95.40	
Lyon				
Madison			\$2,880.00	
Mahaska	\$8,112.19	9	\$5,198.36	
Marion	\$1,165.20	2	\$10,800.00	
Marshall	\$19,773.80	3	\$89,653.51	1
Mills			\$92.70	
Mitchell	\$266.31	1		
Monona			\$1,096.20	
Monroe				1
Montgomery	\$472.50	1	\$15,091.03	7
Muscatine	\$51,683.28	3	\$32,839.20	1
O'Brien	\$1,783.63		\$1,836.00	
Osceola	\$2,888.10			
Page	\$29,703.45		\$8,475.77	
Palo Alto				1
P l y m o u t h	\$387.90		\$380.95	1
Pocahontas			\$5,293.80	
Polk	\$276,806.59	40	\$361,876.22	51
Pottawattamie	\$25,397.10	4	\$28,556.73	
Poweshiek			\$837.00	
Ringgold				
Sac	\$1,300.50		\$618.30	

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	Cash	Veh	Cash	Veh
Scott	\$158,198.44	24	\$84,091.49	8
Shelby				
Sioux	\$632.00	3	\$1,332.00	
Story	\$3,241.35	4	\$2,329.55	4
Tama	\$1,800.00	3	\$20,299.09	4
Taylor	\$2,096.10	2	\$48,366.04	
Union				
Van Buren				
Wapello	\$1,951.17	2	\$11,750.70	2
Warren	\$2,510.37	21	\$681.10	1
Washington	\$1,494.00		\$1,476.00	
Wayne				
Webster	\$3,742.20	2	\$31,209.75	1
Winnebago				
Winneshiek	\$9,605.74	1	\$6,254.10	
Woodbury	\$275.85		\$2,565.08	
Worth			\$15,721.33	
Wright				
TOTALS	\$845,570.52	176	\$1,314,067.72	137