



**ANALYSIS OF THE NEW JERSEY BUDGET**

**DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE**

**FISCAL YEAR**

**2006 - 2007**

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## Fiscal Summary (\$000)

	Expended FY 2005	Adjusted. Appropriation FY 2006	Recommended FY 2007	Percent Change 2006-07
State Budgeted	\$1,229,774	\$1,335,001	\$1,175,194	( 12.0%)
Federal Funds	\$27,714	\$36,109	\$37,283	3.3%
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$47,730</u>	<u>\$22,843</u>	<u>\$23,316</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
Grand Total	\$1,305,218	\$1,393,953	\$1,235,793	( 11.3%)

## Personnel Summary - Positions By Funding Source

	Actual FY 2005	Revised FY 2006	Funded FY 2007	Percent Change 2006-07
State	358	363	354	( 2.5%)
Federal	208	206	230	11.7%
Other	114	109	132	21.1%
<u>Colleges &amp; Univ's.*</u>	<u>20,215</u>	<u>20,216</u>	<u>20,216</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Positions	20,895	20,894	20,932	.2%

FY 2005 (as of December) and revised FY 2006 (as of September) personnel data reflect actual payroll counts. FY 2007 data reflect the number of positions funded.

\*Position data is displayed as "State-funded" positions for the three years.

Data for Higher Educational Services, included above, is discussed in a separate analysis booklet.

## Key Points

- The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation for the Department of State, excluding Higher Educational Services, totals \$69.2 million, a decrease of \$14.4 million (17.2 percent) from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$83.6 million. Included in the budget proposal is \$20 million for Direct State Services, a 14.5 percent or \$3.4 million decrease; \$30.7 million for Grants-In-Aid, a 26.3 percent or \$11 million decrease; and \$18.5 million for State Aid, a \$17,000 decrease for the Division of State Library.
- **New Jersey State Council on the Arts:** The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation of \$23.3 million for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts represents a 21.7 percent or a \$6.5 million decrease from the FY 2006 adjusted

## Key Points (Cont'd)

appropriation of \$29.8 million. Funding for the Council's Cultural Project grants is reduced \$2.3 million (10 percent). Other reductions include the elimination of a \$450,000 grant to the Rutgers Camden Performing Arts Center, a \$250,000 grant to the Hudson Riverfront Performing Center for Weehawken Arts, and a \$1 million grant to the Paper Mill Playhouse. The decrease also includes a \$2.5 million (50.7 percent) reduction in funding to support the Newark Museum.

- **Division of State Museum:** The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommends \$4.4 million to fund the Division of State Museum, a \$2.1 million or 31.8 percent decrease from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$6.5 million. The majority of the decrease occurs in the Grants-In-Aid account and is attributable to the elimination of a \$500,000 grant to the Thomas Edison Museum and a \$1.5 million (50 percent) reduction to the Battleship New Jersey Museum. Direct State Services funding for the Maintenance of the Old Barracks is reduced by \$75,000, from \$375,000 in FY 2006 to \$300,000 in FY 2007. The FY 2007 recommendation continues the \$250,000 FY 2006 funding level for the War Memorial.
- **Historical Resources:** Total State funding for Historical Resources, which includes funding for the New Jersey Historical Commission, is recommended to decrease by \$1 million or 19.1 percent from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$5.2 million to \$4.2 million in FY 2007. The decrease is due to a \$384,000 (10 percent) reduction in New Jersey Historical Commission agency grants, from \$3.8 million in FY 2006 to \$3.4 million in FY 2007, and the elimination of a \$600,000 grant to the Ellis Island New Jersey Foundation.
- **Public Broadcasting Authority:** The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommends a reduction of \$1.1 million (16.7 percent) in Direct State Services funding for the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority, from \$6.7 million in FY 2006 to \$5.6 million in FY 2007. The reduction represents a decrease of \$553,000 in funding for salaries and wages, and a \$70,000 decrease for other administrative costs. The reduction also includes the elimination of \$500,000 in funding for Microwave Tower Technology.
- **The Office of the Secretary of State:** In FY 2007, the Governor recommends an appropriation of \$5.6 million for the Office of the Secretary of State, a \$2.5 million (30.9 percent) decrease from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$8.1 million. Grants-In-Aid funding for the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives Grants is reduced by \$1.5 million (50 percent). Other decreases include a \$737,000 reduction in appropriations for the Amistad Commission and an elimination of \$250,000 of funding for the administrative costs of the Cultural Trust.
- **Records Management:** The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation of \$3 million reflects a decrease of 28.7 percent or \$1.2 million from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$4.2 million in Direct State Services appropriations for the Division of Archives and Records Management. The \$1.2 million in funding was allocated in the FY 2006 budget for records management start-up costs including hardware upgrades, software maintenance and training, document conservation, and vehicles (\$1.1 million), and for a match to a federal grant (\$95,000).

**Key Points (Cont'd)**

- Public Records Preservation Account revenues totaling about \$26 million, earmarked by statute for grants to local governments, are instead anticipated as revenue for general State purposes. The impact on the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support grant program in FY 2007 and beyond is uncertain.

## Fiscal and Personnel Summary

### AGENCY FUNDING BY SOURCE OF FUNDS (\$000)

	Expended FY 2005	Adj. Approp. FY 2006	Recom. FY 2007	Percent Change	
				2005-07	2006-07
<b>General Fund</b>					
Direct State Services	\$32,925	\$28,116	\$23,387	( 29.0%)	( 16.8%)
Grants-In-Aid	1,179,280	1,288,348	1,133,287	( 3.9%)	( 12.0%)
State Aid	16,598	18,537	18,520	11.6%	( 0.1%)
Capital Construction	971	0	0	( 100.0%)	0.0%
Debt Service	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,229,774</b>	<b>\$1,335,001</b>	<b>\$1,175,194</b>	<b>( 4.4%)</b>	<b>( 12.0%)</b>
<b>Property Tax Relief Fund</b>					
Direct State Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Grants-In-Aid	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
State Aid	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Casino Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Casino Control Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$1,229,774</b>	<b>\$1,335,001</b>	<b>\$1,175,194</b>	<b>( 4.4%)</b>	<b>( 12.0%)</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$27,714</b>	<b>\$36,109</b>	<b>\$37,283</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>\$47,730</b>	<b>\$22,843</b>	<b>\$23,316</b>	<b>( 51.2%)</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,305,218</b>	<b>\$1,393,953</b>	<b>\$1,235,793</b>	<b>( 5.3%)</b>	<b>( 11.3%)</b>

### PERSONNEL SUMMARY - POSITIONS BY FUNDING SOURCE

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All Other	114	109	132	15.8%	21.1%
Colleges and Universities*	20,215	20,216	20,216	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>20,895</b>	<b>20,894</b>	<b>20,932</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

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### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DATA

#### Total Minority Percent

Office of the Secretary of State	40.0%	40.0%	43.0%	—	—
Commission on Higher Ed.	44.0%	39.0%	32.0%	—	—
Higher Ed. Student Assist. Auth.	32.0%	32.4%	32.7%	—	—

**Significant Changes/New Programs (\$000)**

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Adj. Approp.</u> <u>FY 2006</u>	<u>Recomm.</u> <u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Page</u>
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<b>Support of the Arts</b>	<b>\$29,810</b>	<b>\$23,342</b>	<b>(\$6,468)</b>	<b>( 21.7%)</b>	

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts provides financial grants to arts organizations and artists in New Jersey whose projects show professional merit and promise. The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation of \$23.3 million represents a 21.7 percent or a \$6.5 million decrease from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$29.8 million. The Council's Cultural Projects grant account is reduced by \$2.3 million (10 percent), from \$22.7 million in FY 2006 to \$20.4 million in FY 2007. Other changes include the elimination of a \$450,000 grant to the Rutgers Camden Performing Arts Center, a \$250,000 grant to the Hudson Riverfront Performing Arts Center for Weehawken Arts, and a \$1 million grant to the Paper Mill Playhouse. All three grants were FY 2006 legislative additions and are not recommended for continuation in FY 2007. The decrease also includes a \$2.5 million (50.7 percent) reduction to the Newark Museum.

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<b>Museum Services</b>	<b>\$6,530</b>	<b>\$4,455</b>	<b>(\$2,075)</b>	<b>( 31.8%)</b>	

The majority of the \$2.1 million FY 2007 decrease for Museum Services occurs in the Grants-In-Aid account and is attributable to the elimination of a \$500,000 grant to the Thomas Edison Museum and a \$1.5 million (50 percent) reduction for the Battleship New Jersey Museum, both of which were FY 2006 legislative additions not recommended for continuation in FY 2007. In Direct State Services, funding for the Maintenance of the Old Barracks is reduced by \$75,000, from \$375,000 in FY 2006 to \$300,000 in FY 2007. According to the Governor's recommended budget, the program's costs will be reduced through operational efficiencies and will be partially supported by non-State resources in FY 2007.

<b>Development of Historical Resources</b>	<b>\$5,152</b>	<b>\$4,168</b>	<b>(\$ 984)</b>	<b>( 19.1%)</b>	<b>D-378</b>
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New Jersey Historical Commission agency grants funding is reduced by \$384,000 (10 percent) from \$3.84 million in FY 2006 to \$3.46 million in FY 2007. In addition, a \$600,000 grant to the Ellis Island New Jersey Foundation is eliminated; according to the Governor's recommended budget, the foundation will be supported by non-State resources in FY 2007.

**Significant Changes/New Programs (\$000) (Cont'd)**

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Adj. Approp.</u> <u>FY 2006</u>	<u>Recomm.</u> <u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Page</u>
<b>New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority</b>	<b>\$6,727</b>	<b>\$5,604</b>	<b>(\$1,123)</b>	<b>( 16.7%)</b>	<b>D-377</b>

This reduction represents a decrease of \$553,000 in funding for salaries and wages, and a \$70,000 decrease for other administrative costs which, according to the Governor's recommended budget, will be partially supported by non-State resources in FY 2007. The reduction also includes the elimination of \$500,000 for New Jersey Network: Microwave Technology.

<b>Office of Secretary of State</b>	<b>\$8,090</b>	<b>\$5,593</b>	<b>(\$2,497)</b>	<b>( 30.9%)</b>	<b>D-383</b>
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The \$2.5 million FY 2007 decrease reflects a \$987,000 (22.6 percent) reduction in Direct State Services funding and a \$1.51 million (40.5 percent) reduction in Grants-In-Aid funding. The \$1.51 million reduction in Grants-In-Aid funding occurs as a result of a \$1.5 million reduction (50 percent) in funding for the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives grants and the elimination of a \$10,000 grant for the Asian American Study Foundation. The \$987,000 Direct State Services reduction is due to a \$737,000 reduction in appropriations for the Amistad Commission. According to the Governor's recommended budget, carry-forward balances will be available to fund the Commission in FY 2007. The reduction also reflects the elimination of \$250,000 of funding for the administrative costs of the Cultural Trust which, according to the Governor's recommended budget, will be absorbed within the Department of State's normal operating costs.

<b>Records Management</b>	<b>\$4,158</b>	<b>\$2,963</b>	<b>(\$1,195)</b>	<b>( 28.7%)</b>	<b>D-383</b>
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This decrease in Direct State Services funding for the Division of Archives and Records Management reflects elimination of supplemental FY 2006 funding provided pursuant to P.L.2003, c.114 to finance an effective records storage system for State and local governments. FY 2006 funding was allocated for records management start-up costs including hardware upgrades, software maintenance and training, document conservation, and vehicles (\$1.1 million), and for a match to a federal grant (\$95,000).



## Language Provisions

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Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, of the amount appropriated for Cultural Projects, 25% shall be awarded to cultural groups or artists based in the eight southernmost counties (Cape May, Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden, Ocean, Atlantic, and Burlington). In the calculation of the allocation percentage, the first \$1,000,000 of any grants that may be awarded to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center or the [South Jersey] Performing Arts Center shall be disregarded.

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Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, of the amount appropriated for Cultural Projects, 25% shall be awarded to cultural groups or artists based in the eight southernmost counties (Cape May, Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden, Ocean, Atlantic, and Burlington). In the calculation of the allocation percentage, the first \$1,000,000 of any grants that may be awarded to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center or the Rutgers Camden Performing Arts Center shall be disregarded.

### Explanation

The FY 2006 budget language and FY 2007 recommended language allocates 25 percent of all funding appropriated for Cultural Projects to cultural groups or artists based in the eight southernmost counties. In the FY 2006 calculation of this allocation percentage, the first \$1 million of any grants awarded to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center or the South Jersey Performing Arts Center were disregarded. The South Jersey Performing Arts Center has closed its operations. Consequently, the FY 2007 recommended budget language replaces reference to the South Jersey Performing Arts Center with the Rutgers Camden Performing Arts Center concerning the disregard of the first \$1 million in grants.

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In addition to the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Records Management program, such sums as are necessary for [information technology or] State match of federal funds, not to exceed [\$1,200,000], are appropriated to coordinate and implement an effective record storage system for the State and local governments, subject to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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In addition to the amount appropriated hereinabove for the Records Management program, such sums as are necessary for State match of federal funds, not to exceed \$95,000, are appropriated to coordinate and implement an effective record storage system for the State and local governments, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

**Language Provisions (Cont'd)**

**Explanation**

Under P.L.2003, c.117, fees charged by county clerks and registers of deed and mortgages for the filing of certain records and documents were increased by \$5, with the revenues paid to the State and directed to the NJ Public Records Preservation Account. The statute also provides that a portion of these revenues is to be allocated to the Division of Archives and Records Management for the management, storage and preservation of public records of the State and local governments. The FY 2006 budget language allocated \$1.2 million in Direct State Services funding to the Division for information technology (\$1.1 million) which, according to the Office of Management and Budget, included hardware upgrades, software maintenance and training, document conservation, and vehicles; and for a State match to a federal grant (\$95,000) designed to preserve historic sites, monuments, artifacts and documents, and to focus public attention on the importance of national heritage conservation. The FY 2007 recommended budget language provides \$95,000 in State match funding for the third year of the three-year federal grant program.

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Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, up to 40% of the receipts deposited in the New Jersey Public Records Preservation account in the Department of the Treasury [less \$5,000,000] are appropriated and allocated as grants to counties and municipalities for the management, storage, and preservation of public records based on guidelines promulgated by the Division of Archives and Records Management and approved by the State Treasurer.

**2007 Budget Recommendations**

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Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, up to 40% of the receipts deposited in the New Jersey Public Records Preservation account in the Department of the Treasury are appropriated and allocated as grants to counties and municipalities for the management, storage, and preservation of public records based on guidelines promulgated by the Division of Archives and Records Management and approved by the State Treasurer.

**Explanation**

Under P.L.2003, c.117, fees charged by county clerks and registers of deed and mortgages for the filing of certain records and documents were increased by \$5, with the revenues paid to the State and directed to the NJ Public Records Preservation Account. The statute provides that 40 percent of these revenues is to be allocated as grants to counties and municipalities for the management, storage and preservation of public records. The FY 2006 budget language, which is eliminated from the FY 2007 recommended language, was added by the Legislature to reflect the shift of \$5 million of this funding to support general State purposes. In FY 2007, despite the language as recommended, all such funds—an estimated \$26 million—are shifted to support general State purposes.

## Discussion Points

1. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts distributes State and federal matching grants to arts organizations and artists whose projects show professional merit and promise in support of the arts. The major categories of matching grant funds that individuals and organizations may apply for are: General Operating Support, General Program Support, Arts Education Special Initiatives, Local Arts Program Grants, Special Project Support, South Jersey Initiatives, Projects Serving Artists, and Community Arts Collaborations. The Council's State grant funding comes from revenues generated by the hotel and motel occupancy fee established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.114. The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation of \$20.4 million for Cultural Projects is a \$2.3 million (10 percent) reduction from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$22.7 million.

- **Question:** How many grants for Cultural Projects were awarded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in FY 2006? Please provide a list of grantees and grant awards, indicating which grants are considered as within the eight southernmost counties. How many grantees on this list are first-time recipients, and what is the total of their grant awards? Please denote these grantees on the list provided. How many FY 2005 grantees received no funding in FY 2006? What was the total of their FY 2005 grant awards? Please provide examples of reasons why funding was discontinued for these grantees.
- **Question:** Based on applications for FY 2007 received to date, what percentage of bona fide funding requests could be approved and funded with the recommended appropriation? What was the percentage of bona fide requests funded in FY 2006? Has the Council discussed and determined strategies for allocating FY 2007 funding? If so, please summarize any conclusions or decisions the Council has reached. What capacity does the New Jersey Cultural Trust have to offset the impact of the recommended reduction in the Council's funding?

2. The Governor's FY 2007 budget recommendation of \$2.4 million for the Newark Museum represents a 50.7 percent decrease from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$4.9 million. This decrease is the result of an FY 2006 legislative addition of \$2.5 million that is not recommended for continuation in FY 2007.

- **Question:** What Museum programs and services were funded in FY 2006 by this State grant? How will the proposed reduction in funding impact the museum's programs and services? Is this reduction recommended under the assumption that other funds are available to replace State funds, and if so, what source(s) will provide those other funds?

3. The New Jersey Historical Commission is responsible for the formulation and implementation of programs that advance public knowledge of New Jersey's historical heritage. In FY 2006, the Commission received \$3.8 million from revenues generated by the hotel and motel occupancy fee established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.114. This funding supports agency grants to historical organizations, museums, libraries and other similar organizations with collections or programming related to New Jersey's history. The FY 2007 recommended budget provides \$3.5 million for agency grants, a decrease of \$300,000 from the FY 2006 adjusted appropriation.

## Discussion Points (Cont'd)

- **Question:** Please provide a listing, by grantee, grant amount, and county of all awards distributed in FY 2006 and a brief description of the purpose for which the grant was used. How many grantees on this list are first-time recipients, and what is the total of their grant awards? Please denote these grantees on the list provided. How many FY 2005 grantees received no funding in FY 2006? What was the total of their FY 2005 grant awards? Please provide examples of reasons why funding was discontinued for these grantees. Is this reduction recommended under the assumption that other funds are available to replace State funds, and if so, what source(s) will provide those other funds?

4. The New Jersey Public Records Preservation Account receives the revenue generated by a \$5.00 increase in fees on the filing of certain records and documents with county clerks and registers of deed and mortgages. These funds are divided between the State and local governments and dedicated to the storage and preservation of public records, with 40 percent earmarked for grants to counties and municipalities and 60 percent for the State Division of Archives and Records Management (DARM). Annual revenues to the Account totaled \$65 million in FY 2005, with \$69 million projected for FY 2006 and \$66 million projected for FY 2007. The State's share of these revenues, \$39-\$41 million annually, has mostly been used to support the budget generally, with DARM's allocation restricted to about \$5 million annually. The Budget continues this policy in FY 2007.

DARM has initiated the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) and Records Disaster Recovery Triage (Records DIRECT) grant programs to allocate funds earmarked for local use. Thus far, revenue raised in the previous fiscal year is used to fund grants awarded in the current year, i.e., FY 2004 funds carried forward into FY 2005 to support grants in that year. Information on the department's website indicates that the first PARIS grants totaling \$25.1 million (37 percent of FY 2004 funds) were awarded on May 19, 2005. Eligibility for first year PARIS grant awards was extended to all counties and to municipalities with a population above 75,000. The department's website indicates that municipalities with a population of between 45,000 and 75,000, and county seats with a population under 45,000 are also eligible for PARIS grants to be awarded in May 2006. To date, 33 new municipal PARIS grant recipients will receive grants totaling \$1.1 million. About \$26 million in total (40 percent of FY 2005 revenues) is available for FY 2006 grants.

The FY 2007 Budget estimates that \$28 million from FY 2006 revenues (40 percent) could be available to fund 2007 PARIS grants and Records DIRECT projects. However, no additional funding for local grants is provided from FY 2007 revenues, since the entire local revenue share is anticipated to support general State purposes.

- **Question:** What is the status of the FY 2006 PARIS grant process? How much does the Department estimate will be awarded in additional PARIS grants, to a) local governments that received PARIS grants in FY 2005, and b) new grantees? Does the Department intend to reserve any funding for Records DIRECT grants, and if so, how much? Given that the State Treasurer has custody and control of these funds, does the Department have his assurances that funds from both FY 2005 and FY 2006 earmarked for local grants will be transferred in full to DARM? How does it plan to allocate grants in FY 2007 (from FY 2006 revenues)? With no new funding from FY

## Discussion Points (Cont'd)

**2007 revenues, will this program cease after FY 2007, and if so, what goals will be achieved? Which goals will remain unachieved due to redirection of funds to other purposes?**

5. The Budget recommends a \$1.5 million (50 percent) reduction in State grants distributed by the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives. In FY 2006 the Office supports 26 organizations through its \$3 million grant program. The Office has also received an allocation of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds from Department of Human Services (DHS) from which \$975,000 in grants were provided for post-TANF outreach and referral programs offered by faith-based organizations. Continuation of this funding is included in the DHS budget.

- **Question:** Please explain why this program was targeted for such a substantial funding reduction. Is this reduction based upon findings and conclusions about grantee performance? If so, please elaborate. Is there an intention to phase out this program in FY 2008 with another reduction of equal amount? Is this reduction recommended under the assumption that other funds are available to replace State funds, and if so, what source(s) will provide those other funds?

6. The Budget recommends a reduction of \$1.1 million for the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority, consisting mainly of salary resources (-\$553,000) and funding for Microwave Tower Technology (-\$500,000). Available information suggests that the salary cut will be offset by other available resources. However, the Budget projects no growth in federal or other "off budget" funding for the Authority.

- **Question:** Please explain whether recommended salary and operating reductions will be offset by other resources, and if so, please identify the source of those funds. If no replacement funds are available, what impact on the Authority's program and activities will the reduction cause? How has FY 2006 funding for Microwave Tower Technology been used to date, and how does expenditure of these funds improve New Jersey Network and benefit the State?

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