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TO: House Appropriations  
FROM: House Judiciary  
RE: Justice Reinvestment Funding Proposal for FY 2024 Budget  
DATE: 3/22/23

House Judiciary submits the following proposed language for Justice Reinvestment II funding in the FY 2024 budget. Our recommendations support the underlying principles of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative to “create a smarter criminal justice system that prevents avoidable incarceration, returns people to communities without risking public safety, and reduces or eliminates the need for out-of-state prison placement or new prison bed capacity in Vermont.” Specifically, the proposal directs Justice Reinvestment savings be spent with the intent to “support community-based service programs.” This funding investment is critical as House Judiciary continues our work on criminal justice reform which increasingly relies on the efforts of our community partners.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED FUNDS TRANSFER; REPORT  
In accordance with Act 184 of the 2022 Acts and Resolves and Act XXX (BAA – not Act# yet) of the 2023 Acts and Resolves, all prior funds expended on community-based Domestic Violence Accountability Programming and Community Justice Center programming, shall be included in the FY 2024 Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount to be allocated in FY 2024.

Sec XXXX

Of the \$1,000,000 Justice Reinvestment II funds remaining from fiscal year 2023 per Act XXX (BAA – no Act#, yet), the funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (a) \$300,000 additional to Community Justice Centers
  - (1) \$95,640 for 3% COLA increase for FY2024
  - (2) \$204,360 in grants to be distributed equitably to the 17 Community Justice Centers
- (b) \$400,000 for Re-Entry Services to support the re-entry services for incarcerated women as provided by the Lund, Mercy Connections, and Vermont Works for Women
- (c) \$300,000 to Serenity House for offender re-entry/substance use services