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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2017

TO: Andy Pallito, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management
Emily Byrne, Budget Director, Department of Finance & Management

FROM: Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., Attorney General
Joshua R. Diamond, Deputy Attorney General
William E. Griffin, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Diane Ford, Financial Administrator

SUBJECT: FY18 Additional General Fund Needs for Pretrial Services

The Office of the Attorney General is seeking an additional \$220,000 in General Funds to cover an increase in contractual costs for the Pretrial Services Program in FY 18. This Program was transferred from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the AGO on September 1, 2016. The transfer of the program and FY17 funding was included in the FY17 BAA.

The additional funding for FY18 is needed to cover the cost of contractual services provided by the Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC). LRC employees and subcontractors perform risk assessments and needs screenings for eligible populations throughout Vermont. They also provide case management support to individuals referred by prosecutors and to defendants on court-ordered conditions of release. The original DOC/LRC contract covered the best estimate of costs when the program was created in 2015. The increase for next year is due to changes in contractual staffing and operating services which are necessary to comply with Vermont law.

Thank you for your consideration.