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March 20, 2014

Mr. Richard Masten, Executive Director
Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County, Inc.
1030 Northwest 111 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172

Re: Attorneys Fees

Dear Mr. Masten:

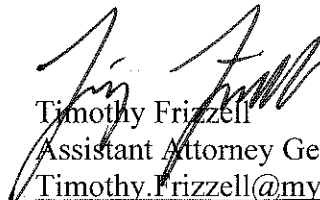
On March 19, 2014, you requested additional information regarding our program reimbursing you for legal fees you incurred as a result of the defense of the contempt charges levied against you by the Court. I have reviewed the contract regarding this matter, including the approved expense line item for "Legal Fees."

It is clear according to the contract that the expense of "Legal Fees" was approved for the purpose of providing a retainer for instant representation of your program against a lawsuit as "an extra layer of protection. . ." to supplement your existing liability insurance.

As the present action does not involve a lawsuit against Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County, Inc., our program will not be reimbursing any legal fees associated with the present action.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


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SECTION 9. "OTHER" NARRATIVE - For the budget categories Rewards and Public Education and Operating Expenses specifically describe **ALL** "OTHER" costs and justify them regardless of the amount. They must be "allowable," "reasonable," "necessary," and directed at achieving the mission statement, objectives and performance measures of the organization. Additional pages may be added as necessary.

**"OTHER"
Narrative**

76. Vehicle Maintenance: Has in previous years been allowed as a listed line item. We request that since we have a 10+ year old vehicle, purchased with Grant funds, that we be allowed to continue maintenance on same. We have allotted \$85.00/mo x 12/mo for a total of \$1,020/year. We feel these funds are most reasonable and will be used for regular maintenance which is indispensable to our Public Education Program.
77. Staff Training: An effort to keep abreast of all types of training for the betterment of the program, we feel having the ability to send staff to catch a class on a new protocol would be very beneficial to the program. These classes average out to \$119/day/pp x 12 mo for a total of \$1440.00 (some courses are discounted for more than 1 attendee) and there is also the ability to attend these classes by webinar which is approximately the same cost as an actual physical attendance). These classes cover everything from office management, bookkeeping, computers and technology matters. We feel these are reasonable costs and the resulting knowledge can only be good for the program.
78. Director/Board Training: As above, there are classes given which would be beneficial to any board member on business matters/protocols. We have been asked by the Board for the ability to perhaps attend some classes or webinars on "presentations", "Public speaking", etc. The ability to offer the opportunity to our volunteer Board can only be interpreted as a positive thing, as it will directly reflect back upon the program. The more knowledgeable our Board, the better the program looks. Additionally, with the merging of the KW and Miami programs, Mr. Masten (and possibly Sgt. BoClair Miami-Tips) will be meeting with the Keys Tips Coordinator and exchanging ideas for a smooth transition. We feel for all training reasons above, the allotment of \$150/mo x 12 mo for a total of \$1800 can only be seen as reasonable for all parties.
79. Legal: Has in previous years been allowed as a line item. By allotting \$450/mo x 12 for a total yearly allowance of \$5400 is good business considering the cost of legal representation in (law suit haven) Miami. We do carry insurance in case of a lawsuit, but this item will be set aside as a retainer for instant representation. We find this amount reasonable as after doing a comparison on legal fees we find \$375+ per hour a good rule of thumb! We consider all those examples of the reasonableness of the expense; an extra layer of protection against suit; which would reflect back on all Crime Stopper programs.
80. License for Van: Previously allowable by line item. Mandatory by State. This cost has remained static for several years at just under \$75/yr. so we can keep our most well known transport on the road.
81. State of Florida (License/Tag-Trailer-open) Has in previous years been allowed as a line item. Mandatory by State. This cost has remained static for several years at just under \$35/yr, as directed by the State. This tag goes on our open trailer; which is used delivering large items (tents, tables, chairs) to outdoor events related to public awareness.
82. State of Florida (License/Tab-Trailer-closed) SEE PART A, LINE 15.
83. State of Florida - DMA - Parking (Mandatory); This is a mandatory fee imposed by the DMA for vehicle parking on premises. This cost (of just under \$80/p vehicle) was set by the state and is imposed on every vehicle of building residents. We have 5 vehicles so our estimated cost will be \$400.00/yr.
84. Enclosed Trailer: SEE PART A, LINE 15.