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ICJIA Board members:

This letter is to inform you about changes to the upcoming budget committee meeting. The meeting currently scheduled for October 15 will not take place and will be rescheduled for a future date. The primary reason for this, is that the next budget committee will be reviewing grants approved by the R3 board.

The R3 grant process is unique among the grant programs that we oversee at ICJIA. The R3 statute gives the R3 board the authority to approve the distribution of program resources but reserves the awarding of grants to ICJIA. Fundamentally the way this will work, is that first ICJIA will present funding recommendations to a subcommittee of the R3 board. Second, that subcommittee will make recommendations to the full R3 board for approval; and finally we will present what the R3 board approves to the ICJIA budget committee.

The materials sent to the budget committee will be the same materials that were sent to and approved by the R3 board. However, they will differ in length from what the committee has seen in the past. I have attached a template so that you can see the differences prior to receiving the actual materials. As many of you are aware, we received an unprecedented response to our R3 NOFO's. The response is commiserate with the substantial amount of funds available for R3 programming under the NOFO. Coupled together, we can confidently say, this will be the largest number of grants we have awarded for a single program at one-time. This has necessitated that we streamline our grant recommendation documents to the types of key information shown in the template. We recognize this means the recommendations will contain less information than you are used to but we are confident that we've retained the essence of the recommendation reports.

We look forward to our next meeting and working with the board through this new process.

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