
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COLE
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES 10:00 MEETING
DATE: 7/5/00
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The Department of Education sought \$2 million in FY 2001 funds in order to institutionalize the program throughout the state. The Legislature appropriated \$243,000, leaving an approximate \$666,769 deficit to the existing \$909,769 funding level. However, 1999/2000's federal funds included \$125,000 in federal School-to-Careers funds that are still available, so JMG is actually facing a \$541,769 deficit. According to Ken Smith, President of Jobs for America's Graduates, approximately \$600,000 is needed to maintain operations at the state office and the 16 JMG programs at 15 sites.

We need to obtain answers to the following questions in today's 10:00 meeting:

1. How long can JMG operate with the \$243,000 in general funds?
2. It has been suggested that the JMG Board of Directors be reconstituted to strengthen its membership. Does anyone know of anything that would prohibit this being done?
3. Are there any TANF funds available for JMG's deficit/operations? Would the use of TANF funds require any changes in current JMG operations?
4. Are there any WIA funds available for JMG's deficit/operations? Would the use of WIA funds require any changes in current JMG operations?