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***“I strongly believe eastern Oklahoma deserves its fair share.”
-Congressman Brad Carson***

Since taking office as eastern Oklahoma’s Congressman, I have made it one of my top priorities to increase awareness of federal grant opportunities and to secure federal funding to the Second Congressional District.

I recognize navigating the federal grant system can be very confusing and difficult. I have compiled this guide to better assist law enforcement agencies in locating and applying for federal grant programs.

In recent years, Oklahoma’s law enforcement community has seen increased demands due to budget cuts, the Methamphetamine epidemic, and constant officer turnover. Federal government grants can be of assistance to many departments facing difficult situations.

I truly believe a career in law enforcement is one of the noblest callings, and I thank you for your service and commitment to your community. If I can ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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One of my top priorities in Congress has been to assist eastern Oklahoma in obtaining grant funding from the federal government. I recognize navigating the grant process can be difficult, and I want to work with you in providing additional information.

This form will help me provide you information of when grants are available, and how you can apply for these valuable funds. You can return this form to:

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If I can ever be of any assistance, please never hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

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Brad Carson
Member of Congress

Congressman Carson Grant Information Sign-Up Form

Agency: _____

Agency Head: _____

Grant Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Type of Grants your agency is looking for:



Resources for Law Enforcement Grants

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

The CFDA is a comprehensive source for federal government assistance programs. The CFDA is found online at www.cfda.gov and hardcopies can be found at public libraries.

The CFDA provides program information including eligibility requirements for funding, how funding can be utilized, type of assistance (grant or loan), contact information, and post award requirements.

Please be advised, the CFDA does not provide application deadlines.

United States Department of Justice (USDOJ)

The USDOJ is the Federal Department responsible for awarding most grants relating to law enforcement. The USDOJ is found online at www.usdoj.gov. Located on the Department's homepage will be a link to a grants information page. This page will provide grant information from the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) program, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC).

The Department also provides a listing of current funding opportunities through the OJP and COPS program. Applications are also available at this website.

The Department of Justice Response Center provides assistance in answering questions relating to current funding opportunities, awards compliance, and general inquiries. The Center can be reached at (800) 421-6770.

Oklahoma District Attorneys Council

The Governor has designated the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council as the State Administrating Agency for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG), the Byrne Formula Grant, and the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Grant. Applications must be submitted to the District Attorneys' Council, and the Council will distribute the awards.

The District Attorneys Council is found online at www.odawan.net. The phone number is (405) 264-5004.



Equipment Grants for Law Enforcement

Byrne Formula Grant (16.579)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Oklahoma District Attorneys Council

OBJECTIVES:

To reduce and prevent illegal drug activity, crime, and violence and to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Funds may be used to support 29 purpose areas specified in the authorization legislation. Generally, funds may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, facilities (including upgraded and additional law enforcement crime laboratories), personnel training and equipment for more widespread apprehension, prosecution and adjudication of persons who violate state and local laws relating to the production, possession and transfer of controlled substances and to improve the criminal justice system. The Act restricts the use of these funds for supplanting state and local funds and land acquisition, and construction other than penal or correctional facilities.

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS:

Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Task Forces, Criminal Justice System Improvement, Violent Crime Prevention, DARE Education, Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Projects.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (16.592)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Oklahoma District Attorneys Council

OBJECTIVES:

To provide funds to units of local government for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety. Funds may be used for one or more of seven program purpose areas (See Uses and Use Restrictions). Funds or a portion of funds allocated under this title may also be used to contract with private, nonprofit entities or community-based organizations to carry out the purposes of this Block Grants Program. BJA will also make awards to states based on the allocation formula specified in the legislation.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Funds may be used for one or more of the following purpose areas: (1) Law enforcement support for hiring, training, and employing on a continuing basis new, additional law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel; paying overtime to presently employed law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel; and procuring equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions; (2) Enhancing security measures in and around schools, and in and around any other facility or location that the unit of local government considers a special risk for incidents of crime; (3) Establishing or supporting drug courts; (4) Enhancing the adjudication of cases involving violent offenders, including cases involving violent juvenile offenders. For the purposes of this program, violent offender means a person charged with committing a Part I violent crime under the Uniform Crime Reports; (5) Establishing a multijurisdictional task force, particularly in rural areas, composed of law enforcement officials representing units of local government; this task force will work with Federal law enforcement officials to prevent and control crime; (6) Establishing crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or the prosecution of criminals; and (7) Defraying the cost of indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers. Units of local government may not expend funds provided under the Block Grants Program to purchase, lease, rent, or acquire any of the following: tanks or armored vehicles; fixed-wing aircraft; limousines; real estate; yachts; consultants; and vehicles not primarily used for law enforcement. In addition, Federal funds cannot be used to supplant State or local funds, but instead to increase the amount of funds that would be available otherwise from State and local sources.

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS:

Potential projects include, but are not limited to: (A) partnerships between community organizations and local law enforcement agencies to prevent crime in business districts, on school grounds, and around high-risk areas such as abortion clinics; (B) hiring of additional police officers and purchasing of necessary equipment to increase the effectiveness of police departments; partnerships between social agencies and local law enforcement to combat domestic violence and child abuse; and (C) development of computer systems that allow fingerprint identification, the maintenance of criminal history records, etc.

Note: Congress is in the process of merging the LLEBG and the Byrne Grant into a new program called the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). Congressman Brad Carson is adamantly opposed to this proposal, as it would cut millions in funding to law enforcement in Oklahoma, and threaten the future of the Drug Task Forces administered by District Attorneys. Congressman Carson will continue to advise law enforcement of developments to the LLEBG and the Byrne Formula Grant.

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program (16.607)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

OBJECTIVES:

To protect the lives of law enforcement officers by helping State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies provide officers with armored vests.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

The program pays up to 50 percent of the total cost of each vest order. Total cost includes the cost of the vests, vest carriers, attachments, inserts, and covers considered integral or essential for its proper care, use, and wear ability, shipping, handling, fitting charges, and applicable taxes. The total invoiced price, after all vendor and prompt payment discounts have been deducted, is what the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) uses to determine the Federal match.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Benefits Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 4th floor, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20531. Telephone: (202) 307-0635, fax (202) 616-0314, Email askbja@ojp.usdoj.gov/bja. Justice Response Center, 1-800-421-6770. Vest Technical Support Help Desk at 1-877-758-3787.

MATCH REQUIREMENT:

Local Match is 50%.

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services,
U.S. Department of Justice

A Safer America Through
Community Policing



Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program

The COPS program was authorized in 1994, and since has placed 62,000 officers in communities across the nation. In Oklahoma's Second Congressional District, over four hundred officers have been hired because of the program.

Congressman Carson is a leading supporter in Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the COPS program. He also supports legislation to lessen the burden on employing agencies in meeting bureaucratic regulations.

Information on the COPS program can be found on the Internet at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

COPS in School (CIS)

OBJECTIVES:

The CIS program is designed to help law enforcement agencies hire new or additional School Resource Officers (SROs) to engage in community policing in and around primary and secondary schools.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS:

The program provides a maximum federal contribution of up to \$125,00 per officer position for salary and benefits over a three-year period, with any remaining costs to be paid with local funds. Officers paid with CIS funding must be hired on or after the grant award start date. All jurisdictions that apply must also demonstrate that they have primary law enforcement authority over the school(s) identified in their application, and also demonstrate their inability to implement this project without federal assistance.

COPS MORE (Making Officer Redeployment Effective)

OBJECTIVES:

The COPS' Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) program expands the amount of time current law enforcement officers can spend on community policing by funding technology, equipment, and support staff, including civilian personnel.

Applicants to the COPS MORE grant program must demonstrate that the items they request will increase the number of current law enforcement officers deployed into community policing by an equal or greater measure than would a COPS grant for hiring new officers.

In addition to redeploying officers into community policing, the COPS MORE program significantly increases the ability of officers across the country to solve community problems. For example, technology funded under COPS MORE, such as mobile in-car computers, enables officers to analyze and research local problems while on patrol, improving their ability to quickly and effectively address crime.

FUNDING RESITRCTIONS:

COPS' MORE grants cover up to 75 percent of the total cost of technology, equipment, or civilian salaries for one year. Therefore, agencies receiving grants are required to provide a minimum 25 percent local cash match. Waivers of the local cash match are granted only in cases of extreme local fiscal hardship.

COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP)

OBJECTIVES:

COPS' Universal Hiring Program (UHP) provides funding directly to local, state, and tribal jurisdictions for the salaries and benefits of newly hired officers engaged in community policing. COPS awards funding through UHP to help law enforcement agencies partner with their communities to develop creative and innovative ways to deal with long-standing problems.

UHP provides funding to all eligible communities, regardless of size, for the direct hire of police officers and sheriffs' deputies. These newly hired officers are then deployed into community policing, or a comparable number of veteran officers may be redeployed into community policing activities in their place.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS:

UHP grants cover up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salary and benefits of each newly hired additional officer position over three years. There is a maximum federal contribution of \$75,000 per officer or deputy position over the three-year grant period. A minimum 25 percent local match is required. The match must be a cash match from funds not previously budgeted for any law enforcement purpose. Funding is for the new officers that have been hired on or after the date of the award, and will be paid over the course of the grant.

Waivers of the local matching requirement may be requested under UHP, but will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship.

COPS grant funds must not be used to replace local funds that agencies otherwise would have devoted to sworn officer hiring. The hiring of officers under UHP must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired with local funds. All grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain any COPS-funded officer positions awarded for at least one full local budget cycle after federal funding has ended. This plan must be clearly specified in the *Retention Plan Certification* form that all applicants are required to submit at the time of their application.

COPS Methamphetamine Funding

COPS Methamphetamine grants help state and local law enforcement agencies reduce the production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine. COPS Meth grants since 1998 total approximately \$223 million. These innovative community policing grants encourage recipients to develop partnerships with such entities as the Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), local fire departments, drug courts, prosecutors, child protective services, treatment providers, and other law enforcement agencies to create a coordinated response to methamphetamine proliferation. COPS grants have funded equipment, training, and personnel to improve intelligence-gathering capabilities, enforcement efforts, lab clean up, and prosecution of those who engage in methamphetamine-related crimes.



Other Law Enforcement Grant Opportunities

Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (16.585)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs

OBJECTIVES:

To support the establishment and development of drug courts. The FY 2001 Drug Court Grant Program is responsive to, and supportive of, developments in the field. As a result, the Drug Court Program Office (DCPO) announces the availability of implementation and enhancement grants. Implementation grants are available for up to \$500,000 for up to 3 years. There are separate categories this year for communities applying to implement an adult drug court and a juvenile drug court. Enhancement grants are available for up to \$300,000 for up to 2 years. There are separate categories for single drug court enhancement and statewide enhancements.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Allowable uses of funds are (1) mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or other addictive substances during any period of supervised release or probation; (2) substance abuse treatment for each participant; (3) diversion, probation, or other supervised release involving the possibility of prosecution, confinement, or incarceration based on noncompliance with program requirements; and (4) programmatic, offender management and aftercare services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Grants can be given to States, State courts, local courts, units of local government and Indian tribal governments, acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities. Applicants may choose to submit joint applications with other eligible jurisdictions for statewide, regional, and multi-jurisdictional drug court programs. For an application from a subunit of government (e.g., county probation department, district attorney's office, pretrial services agency) to be considered, it must be designated by letter as representing an eligible applicant (described above). For example, the county court or county executive may designate the county probation or county district attorney's office as its representative for the purpose of application. In this instance, the applicant continues to be the designating State, court system, or unit of local government. The county probation, district attorney's office, or other designated subunit, is the organization authorized to submit an application on behalf of the eligible applicant.

Community Prosecution and Project Safe Neighborhoods (16.609)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs

OBJECTIVES:

The program initially started as a community prosecution effort to support state and local efforts to address crime by emphasizing the participation of community leaders and residents in developing strategies for public safety with prosecutors and other community justice system officials. The program served as a mechanism for community participation that allows communities to identify local priorities and engage in problem solving and strategic planning, as well as regular communication between the prosecutor's office and community residents. The FY 2001 - 2002 Community Gun Violence Prosecution program was designed to provide funding to chief prosecutors across the country and to assist them in hiring assistant prosecutors who will be dedicated to the prosecution of firearm-related violent crime. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment and a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

The Community Prosecution program focuses on problem solving, strategic planning, and working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and violence and improve public safety. The Community Gun Violence Prosecution program allocates resources directly to chief prosecutors across the country to improve the long-term ability of prosecution agencies to more fully address the issue of firearm-related violent crime within their jurisdictions. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a new national strategy designed to remove gun wielding criminals from the streets and local neighborhoods. In addition to hiring new prosecutors, the funds will be available to support investigations, provide training, and develop community outreach efforts that will promote and improve public safety.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: State, county, city, and tribal public prosecutor offices, including State attorney general offices that have responsibility for prosecuting matters involving firearm-related violent crime.

Scams Targeting the Elderly (16.613)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Bureau of Justice Assistance

OBJECTIVES:

The Telemarketing Fraud Against Senior Citizens program is designed to reduce the incidence of telemarketing scams perpetrated against the elderly through training and technical assistance programs, demonstration sites, public awareness initiatives, and reporting of fraud. BJA has supported a variety of initiatives and demonstration sites to combat telemarketing fraud.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

This discretionary grant program is intended to assist law enforcement in preventing and stopping marketing scams against senior citizens. Funding will support training and technical assistance, including a telemarketing fraud task force; State and local demonstration programs; and public awareness initiatives and assistance through the National Fraud Information Center.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: State and local law enforcement agencies, as well as public and private nonprofit organizations.

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant (16.589)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs

OBJECTIVES:

To implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects between law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence and child abuse; provide treatment, counseling and assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence and child victimization, including in immigration matters; and work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Grants are available to States, Indian tribal governments, local governments of rural States, and other public or private entities of rural States. For the purposes of this grant program, a rural State is a State that has a population density of 52 or fewer persons per square mile or a State in which the largest county has fewer than 150,000 people, based on the decennial census of 1990 through fiscal year 1997. Nineteen States qualify as rural for the purposes of this grant program: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: State agencies in rural States may apply for assistance for Statewide projects. Local units of government in rural States and public and private entities in rural States also may apply directly for assistance. Only State agencies in non-rural States may apply for funding assistance. These agencies may apply on behalf of one or more of their rural jurisdictions. Rural and/or non-rural States also may submit joint applications for projects that would be implemented in more than one State. Indian tribal governments may make individual applications or apply as a consortium. A tribal government also may apply for assistance on behalf of a non-tribal government organization. Proposals will be accepted from new applicants as well as from current grantees requesting continuation funds

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders
(16.590)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs

OBJECTIVES:

To implement mandatory arrest or proarrest programs and policies in police departments, including mandatory arrest programs and policies for protection order violations, as part of a coordinated community response to domestic violence; to develop policies, educational programs, and training programs in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving domestic violence and dating violence; to centralize and coordinate police enforcement, prosecution, probation, parole and/or judicial responsibility for domestic violence cases in groups or units of police officers, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, or judges; to coordinate computer tracking systems to ensure communication between police, prosecutors, parole and probation officers and both criminal and family courts; to strengthen legal advocacy service programs for victims of domestic violence and dating violence, including strengthening assistance to such victims in immigration matters; and to educate judges in criminal and other courts about domestic violence and to improve judicial handling of such cases; to provide technical assistance and computer and other equipment to police departments, prosecutors, courts, and tribal jurisdictions to facilitate the widespread enforcement of protection orders, including interstate enforcement, enforcement between States and tribal jurisdictions, and enforcement between tribal jurisdictions; and to develop or strengthen policies and training for police,

prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of domestic violence and sexual assault against older individuals and individuals with disabilities.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Grants are available to States, State and local courts, Indian tribal governments, and units of local governments to encourage them to treat domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Eligible grantees are States, Indian tribal governments, State or local courts, or units of local governments that (1) certify that their laws or official policies encourage or mandate arrests of domestic violence offenders based on probable cause that an offense has been committed, and encourage or mandate arrest of domestic violence offenders who violate the terms of a valid and outstanding protection order; (2) demonstrate that their laws, policies, or practices and their training programs discourage dual arrest of the offender and the victim; (3) certify that their laws, policies, or practices prohibit issuance of mutual restraining orders of protection except in cases where both spouses file a claim and the court makes detailed findings of fact indicating that both spouses acted primarily as aggressors and that neither spouse acted primarily in self-defense; and (4) certify that their laws, policies, or practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, to protect a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault, that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for a protection order, or witness subpoena, whether issued inside or outside the State, tribal or local jurisdiction.

Violence Against Women Formula Grants (16.588)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

**Office of Justice Programs
Oklahoma District Attorneys Council**

OBJECTIVES:

To assist States, Indian tribal governments, tribal courts, State and local courts, and units of local government to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving crimes against women. The Program encourages the development and implementation of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

Formula Grants.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

A State, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government shall not be entitled to funds under this program unless the State, Indian tribal government, or another governmental entity incurs the full out-of-pocket cost of forensic medical examinations for victims of sexual assault. Further, a State shall not be entitled to funds under this program unless it (1) certifies that its laws, policies, and practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, to protect a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault, that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for a protection order, or witness subpoena, whether issued inside or outside the State, tribal or local jurisdiction or (2) assures the Attorney General that its laws, policies, and practices will be in compliance with these provisions by the date on which the next session of the tribal state legislature ends or October 28, 2002. Grants shall provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection and other equipment for the most widespread apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women. States must allocate a minimum of 25 percent of each year's grant award to each of the following areas: prosecution and law enforcement. In addition, States must allocate a minimum of 30 percent to victim services, a minimum of 5 percent to courts. The remainder of the funds may be spent at the discretion of the state within the statutory purpose areas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: All States, Commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia, are eligible. Funds will be subgranted to units of state and local government, state, local, and tribal courts, nonprofit nongovernmental victim services programs, and Indian tribal governments.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Headquarters Office: Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. Telephone: (202) 307-6026..

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS:

Training and technical assistance for prosecutors, investigators, and law enforcement officers on issues relating to sexual assault and domestic violence; enhancement of services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and creation of investigative and prosecutorial units to handle cases involving violent crimes against women.

Crime Victim Assistance (16.582)

FEDERAL AGENCY:

Office of Justice Programs

OBJECTIVES:

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers a discretionary grant program and other assistance programs for crime victims with amounts set-aside from deposits into the Crime Victims Fund for (a) demonstration projects and training and technical assistance services to eligible crime victims assistance programs; (b) for the financial support of services to victims of Federal crime by eligible crime victim assistance programs; and (c) to provide funding and other support following cases of terrorism or mass violence 42 U.S.C. Section 10601. The purpose of the demonstration and training and technical assistance grants is to improve the overall quality of services delivered to crime victims through the provision of training and technical assistance to providers. Funds are also available to improve the Federal and State response to victims of Federal crime, including terrorism occurring within and outside the United States. Of the amount available for training and technical assistance and services to victims of Federal crimes, no less than 50 percent shall be used for demonstration programs and training and technical assistance, and not more than 50 percent for services to victims of Federal crimes. Amounts set-aside for the response to terrorism or mass violence come from a reserve fund authorized by Congress under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Public Law 104-132, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Public Law 106-386, and the USA Patriot Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

Project Grants; Direct Payments for Specified Use.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Funds are available specifically for (a) demonstration projects and training and technical assistance service to eligible crime victim assistance programs; (b) for the financial support of services to victims of Federal crime by eligible crime victim assistance programs; and (c) for services to victims of terrorism or mass violence, and compensation benefits for victims of international terrorism. For the purpose of the grants authorized in 42 U.S.C. 10603, an eligible crime victim assistance program is defined as: (a) operated by a public agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations or both such agencies and organizations, and providing service to victims of crime; (b) demonstrating (i) a record of providing effective services to victims of crime and financial support from sources other than the Fund; or (ii) substantial financial support from sources other than the Fund; (c) utilizing volunteers in providing such services, unless to the extent the chief executive determines that compelling reasons exist to waive this requirement; (d) promoting within the community served coordinated public and private efforts to the crime victims; and (e) assisting potential recipients in seeking crime victim compensation benefits. For terrorism or mass violence occurring outside the U.S., eligible applicants for funding under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, includes states, victim service

organizations, and public agencies (including Federal, State or local governments) and non-governmental organizations that provide assistance to victims of crime. For the purpose of grants authorized for assistance to victims of federal crime, services includes (a) training of law enforcement personnel in the delivery of services to victims of Federal crime; (b) preparation, publication, and distribution of informational materials, setting forth services offered to victims of crime; and concerning services for victims of Federal crime for use by Federal law enforcement and other responsible Federal officials; and (c) salaries of personnel who provide services to victims of crime, to the extent that these personnel provide such services. Funded activities for victims of terrorism or mass violence may include emergency relief, including crisis response efforts, assistance, training and technical assistance, and ongoing assistance, including during any investigation or prosecution to victims of terrorist acts or mass violence occurring outside the United States.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Criteria will vary depending on the grant. Generally, eligible applicants may include American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations, States, United States Attorneys' offices, eligible public agencies that provide victim services, private nonprofit agencies, and Federal training centers. Applicants for Victim Assistance in Indian Country grants must be an Indian Tribe, Tribal organizations, partnerships or nonprofit organization that provides direct services to victims of crime in areas of Indian Country that are under Federal criminal justice jurisdiction. Applicants for antiterrorism funding for terrorism or mass violence within the U.S. are State victim compensation and assistance programs and/or U.S. Attorney's office, eligible applicants for funding for terrorism and mass violence outside the U.S. must be States, victim service organizations, and public agencies (including Federal, State, or local governments) and non-governmental organizations that provide assistance to victims of crime. The USA Patriot Act of 2001 expanded the list of eligible applicants for funding in response to cases of terrorism or mass violence within the United States to include not only states and U.S. Attorneys Offices, but also victim service organizations, public agencies (federal, state and local) and non-government organizations that provide assistance to victims of crime.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Headquarters Office: For services to victims of Federal Crime contact Heather Cartwright, Director, Federal Crime Victims Division, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. Telephone: (202) 305-1434.

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS:

Potential projects include, but are not limited to: demonstrations programs that assist victims in rural communities or those programs meeting the needs of special populations such immigrant victims; training and technical assistance for States and local communities to help when responding to terrorism and mass violence; training to improve or expand victim services provided by particular groups of professionals such as judges, prosecutors, law enforcement professionals, and medical personnel.

Grants to Tribal Law Enforcement



Indian Country Investigations

FEDERAL AGENCY:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OBJECTIVES:

To provide training to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Tribal Law Enforcement Officers in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) to better conduct investigations in Indian Country. Coordination of the development of training curriculum with the BIA and the FLETC; and conduct training seminars in law enforcement techniques throughout the country. To coordinate investigative activities within Indian Country.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

Training.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Funding may be utilized for expenses associated with investigative and managerial training for Indian Country law enforcement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: BIA Investigators, Tribal Law Enforcement Officers and other law enforcement officers assigned to work in Indian Country.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

Application Procedure: FBI and BIA select students for training in conjunction with Indian country police.

PROGAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Developed and provided uniform courses of instruction in death investigations, child sexual/physical abuse, gaming, evidence recovery, supervision and management, and street officer safety to all levels of law enforcement in Indian Country to include, local, State, tribal, BIA and FBI officers/agents; funded training in basic and advanced law enforcement skills provided by the BIA IPA and FLETC; funded individual field office training initiatives for law enforcement

in Indian Country. Provided training to more than 1,000 Indian Country law enforcement officers in fiscal years 1996-2001.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Headquarters Office: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20535. Contact: SSA Earnest Weyand. Telephone: (202) 324-3802.

Tribal Youth Programs (16.731)

FEDERAL AGENCY:

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OBJECTIVES:

To support and enhance tribal efforts for comprehensive delinquency prevention, control, and juvenile justice system improvement for Native American youth.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

To reduce, control, and prevent crime both by and against tribal youth; to provide interventions for court- involved tribal youth; to improve tribal juvenile justice systems; and to provide prevention programs focusing on alcohol and drugs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Applications are only invited from Federally recognized tribes and Alaskan Native villages, however, tribes and villages may partner with others as applicable. If partnering with others, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be submitted with the application. Additionally, one tribe should be chosen as the primary agency for funding and reporting purposes. Only tribal governments and tribal organizations that have a tribal resolution sharing the endorsement of the tribal government are eligible to apply. A tribal resolution must be included with the application.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Headquarters Office: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20531. Telephone: (202) 307-5924. Contact: Laura Ansera, Program Manager, State and Tribal Assistance Division. Telephone: (202)-307-5924.

Community Oriented Policing Service – Tribal Resources Grant Program

The COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) is one of several programs developed by the COPS Office. COPS' TRGP is a broad, comprehensive program designed to meet law enforcement needs in Native American communities. This program offers a wide variety of funding in areas such as hiring additional officers, law enforcement training, uniforms, basic issue equipment, emerging technologies, and police vehicles.

Tribal Resources Grant Program funds cover a maximum federal share of 75 percent of total project costs. This includes approved salaries and benefits of new, additional, entry-level police officer positions (up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer over the three-year grant period), basic law enforcement training and equipment, vehicles, and technology. A local cash match requirement of 25 percent of total project costs is included in this program. Waivers of the local match requirement may be granted only on the basis of a documented demonstration of fiscal hardship, and waiver requests must be made at the time of application.

Items that are not allowed under TRGP include salaries and benefits for existing employees, civilian salaries and benefits, overtime, office equipment, office furniture and supplies, televisions, VCRs, video cameras (other than in-car), ammunition, dogs, radar guns, and vehicle maintenance. Please note that this is not an inclusive list, and the COPS Office reserves the right to deny funding for any items deemed unallowable.

Basic/academy training is mandatory for all new officers requested under TRGP, and new officers must be registered for training within six months from their date of hire. Community policing and grant management training are also mandatory for first-time TRGP award recipients. Grantees must send at least two members of the department to both types of training.

All Federally Recognized Tribes with established police departments are eligible to apply for TRGP funding. Tribes that wish to establish police departments and meet specific criteria are also eligible to apply. Tribes and villages that wish to initiate a law enforcement effort are permitted to apply as a consortium with a formal, written partnership agreement. In addition, tribes that are currently served by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement may request funding under TRGP to supplement their existing police services. Tribes whose law enforcement services are exclusively provided by local, non-tribal policing agencies through a contract arrangement are not eligible under this COPS program. Tribes that do not meet the eligibility requirements for TRGP are encouraged to apply to the COPS Office Universal Hiring Program (UHP) for officer positions.

Methamphetamine Epidemic



Congressman Brad Carson is an active member of the Congressional Methamphetamine Caucus. He has seen first hand the dangerous Meth labs pose to law enforcement officers, and he has introduced legislation, The Rural Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act, which would provide additional grant funding to local law enforcement agencies in rural Oklahoma.

Rural Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act

Sponsor: Congressman Brad Carson

Title I: Small Community Law Enforcement Improvement Grants

Section 101: Small Community Grant Program

Provides grants to rural law enforcement agencies to retain, for one year, officers employed under the COPS Program

Assistance is limited to 20% of the original grant

Ten percent of awards will be made available to tribal law enforcement

Section 102: Small Community Technology Grant Program

Sets aside funding under the COPS MORE program specifically for rural law enforcement agencies.

Funding can be used to for police communications and crime solving Technologies, including DNA analysis, photo enhancement and forensic capabilities.

There is a 10% cost-share requirement

Section 103: Rural 9-1-1 Service

Creates a grant program to provide access to, and improve communications infrastructure for 911 service in rural counties

Ten percent of awards will be made available to tribal governments

Title II: Cracking Down on Methamphetamine

Section 201: Methamphetamine Treatment Programs in Rural Areas

Creates a pilot program for community-based public and nonprofit private entities for substance abuse treatment and prevention in

Requires scientifically-based treatments are practiced
Ten percent of awards will be made available to tribal governments

Section 202: Methamphetamine Prevention Education

Develops a grant program for community driven methamphetamine prevention programs

Requires grant recipients to have had previous experience in community coalition building and be part of an existing coalition that includes public health officials, law enforcement, and community organizations

Ten percent of awards will be made available to tribal governments

Section 203: Methamphetamine Clean-Up

Provides grants to state and local governments and tribal governments for the cleanup of meth labs located in rural areas

This provision provides additional contract personnel, equipment and facilities to rural areas

Ten percent of awards will be made available to tribal governments

Section 204: Authorization of Appropriations Relating to COPS Grants

Authorizes additional appropriations for training to state and local prosecutors and law enforcements agents for methamphetamine crimes

Sets aside 20% of funding for rural areas

Section 205: Expansion of Methamphetamine Hot Spots

Expands the program to hire personnel and purchase equipment for rural areas to assist in the enforcement and prosecution of methamphetamine offenses and environmental cleanup

Title III: Law Enforcement Training

Section 301: Small Town and Rural Training Program

Establishes a Rural Policing Institute administered by the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training as part of the Small Town and Rural Training Program

The Institute will develop and deliver training programs to local and tribal governments in rural areas

Federal Surplus Property

Federal surplus personal property donation programs enable certain nonfederal organizations to obtain property that the Federal Government no longer needs.

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