

Grant Award Summary

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Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking FY 2015

Grant Type: Competitive

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Grant Period: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018

Award Amount: \$600,000

Match Required: \$312,936

Fiscal Agent: MPD

MPD Sub-Awardee: Sensitive Crimes Division

Allocation Purpose: Creation of the Human Trafficking Task Force, including 2 full-time investigators and one part-time crime analyst position; equipment and supplies; investigator travel expenses; overtime for operating costs; independent researcher

Partners: Sojourner Family Peace Center, FBI, DHS, Milwaukee County DA's Office, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, U.S. Department of State, CBP, ICE, Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center and others

Applied Theories: Problem oriented policing; community oriented policing; intelligence led policing

Research & Evaluation: Yes, principal investigator TBD

Program Goals

The additional investigator and analyst positions are intended to cope with the volume and complexities of human trafficking cases and to improve cooperation and collaboration between local, state, federal and non-profit partners. The task force is designed not only to identify victims and traffickers for prosecution, but funding enables greater tracking of cases and the capturing of relevant data, a lengthy process due to the amount of time it takes to prosecute cases. The overall goal is to reduce the prevalence of human trafficking in Milwaukee and surrounding jurisdictions and to provide victims with quality services and treatment they deserve.

Programmatic Summary

Milwaukee has a reputation as a transportation hub for human traffickers. With an international airport, two major railroads, shipping port, and major highways, Milwaukee human trafficking victims are often transported across state lines to Chicago, Minneapolis, and other larger and smaller destination cities across the Midwest and South. Intelligence suggests that traffickers are more likely to be recruited and trained by family members.

Both the Milwaukee Police Department and Sojourner Family Peace Center agree that law enforcement and prosecutors within the Eastern District of Wisconsin Federal Human Trafficking Task Force need access to coordinated, comprehensive, quality services to victims they identify. Human trafficking often comes to the attention of law enforcement through investigations of other crimes or

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from social service providers who aid victims in reporting offenses to police. Thus, the reliance on law enforcement and other stakeholders to recognize and identify human trafficking victims is essential to the reporting of these offenses. In addition, there have been many individual service agencies in Milwaukee that provide quality care to victims, but there are inconsistencies across various forms of trafficking, and coordination is lacking. Providers are seeking a process for the coordination of services and training, as well as ways to identify and address gaps in services. In addition, raising awareness in the community regarding human trafficking is an important component, since some victims may be hesitant to self identify or report traffickers due to fear of reprisal. To remedy this, we propose creating the Milwaukee Joint Human Trafficking Task Force. This will include an additional part-time crime analyst position and two full time police investigator positions.

Data Summary

In January 2013, human trafficking was added to the UCR Program as a Part I Crime. This includes: Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts and Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude. Presently, human trafficking data is captured at the state level by the FBI.

Many of the prosecuted trafficking cases included multiple victims. In 2013, 89 human trafficking investigations were conducted with six state prosecutions and three federal prosecutions. Investigations increased in 2014 (98) with eight state prosecutions and three federal prosecutions.