

Grant Award Summary

Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Grant 2016-2017

Grant Type: Grant Continuation

Grantor: Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

Grant Period: November 18, 2016-June 30, 2017

Award Amount: \$40,000

Match Required: N/A

Fiscal Agent: MPD

MPD Sub-Awardee: N/A

Allocation Purpose: To increase effectiveness and efficiency of investigations to increase public awareness and prevention of internet crimes against children offenses. Grant funds will be used to pay for overtime, training and equipment used to conduct proactive and reactive online child exploitation investigations and the digital forensics of computers, cellphones and other electronic devices.

Partners: Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations and 241 law enforcement affiliates from across the state.

Research & Evaluation: MPD will report to the DOJ, Division of Criminal Investigation on all ICAC statistics and dispositions on a quarterly basis.

Programmatic Summary & Goals

The purpose of the project is to enhance the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program in responding to online enticement of children by sexual predators. Another goal includes increasing the investigative capabilities of law enforcement officers and prosecutions of internet crimes against children offenses. MPD will arrange for training to promote internet safety and education to increase public awareness, increase the number of ICAC offenses being prosecuted by the State of Wisconsin and to create a multi-agency task force.

MPD conducts both proactive and reactive investigations to identify targets that use various social media platforms to prey and exploit children online for the purpose of meeting and engaging in sexual activity or to distribute child pornography. All activity performed by the assigned investigators is reported to the National ICAC database on a monthly basis via an online portal starting in January 2016. Activities include, the number of tips reported and investigated, documented child exploitation investigations and the types of community outreach performed.

Data Summary:

In 2016, there were 141 CyberTipline reports received, 32 online child exploitation arrests and 102 online child exploitation investigations. This is a significant amount of activity that contributes to the program goals including improving public safety for children in Milwaukee.