

Grant Award Summary

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Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Grant (ICAC)

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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: October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

Award Amount: \$40,000

Match Required: N/A

Fiscal Agent: Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)

MPD Sub-Awardee: N/A

Allocation Purpose: The mission of the ICAC is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of investigations and prosecutions of Internet crimes against children offenses, and to increase public awareness and prevention of ICAC offenses. Grant funds will be used to support overtime for ICAC investigations and equipment for conducting ICAC investigations and the forensics of digital media in ICAC investigations.

Partners: Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations and 264 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. In addition, all activities performed by the assigned investigators will be reported to the National ICAC database on a monthly basis via an online portal. Activities include, the number of tips reported and investigated, documented child exploitation investigations and the types of community outreach performed.

Programmatic Summary & Goals

The purpose of this project is to enhance the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program in responding to online enticement of children by sexual predators. Another goal of this program is to increase the investigative capabilities of law enforcement officers and prosecutions of ICAC 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.

Data Summary:

In 2016, there were 161 CyberTipline reports received, 36 online child exploitation arrests and 121 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.