

Grant Award Summary

2025 NIBIN Enhanced Capacity Grant

Grant Type: New Grant

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs – Wisconsin Department of Justice

Grant Period: February 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025

Award Amount: \$62,420

Match Required: None

Fiscal Agent: Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)

Allocation Purpose:

Grant funds would be used by the Milwaukee Police Department's NIBIN team for overtime to address workload associated with analyzing firearms and casings collected on the streets and in firearm-related crimes. Funding would provide overtime for forensic ballistic specialists, crime scene supervisors, forensic investigators, police officers, and support staff to increase the Department's capacity to collect, process, and analyze ballistic evidence.

Program Goals:

Although recent trends have improved, homicides have increased by more than 77% over the last five years (2019 to 2023) and non-fatal shootings have increased by more than 85% in the same timeframe. Complicating this matter is an increase in the number of fully automatic firearms recovered from firearm-related crime. These factors present significant workload challenges for MPD's capacity to analyze recovered firearms and casing in a timely fashion. Grant funds would be used exclusively for NIBIN related assignments and to correct any backlog of current cases as well as cases that occur during the grant period.

Programmatic Summary:

Grant funds would provide enhance staffing capacity to collect, process, and analyze ballistic evidence, thereby helping to clear and prevent criminal activity.