

Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Sheriff

Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer was originally submitted as 60066B.

In 2007 MCSO entered a multi-agency task force to investigate violations of state and federal laws relating to crimes against children and to prosecute those cases in state and federal court. The task force, "Intercept", investigates violations of child sex crimes, child pornography, child exploitation, and the use of computers to promote these crimes. Advanced computer forensics technology is an essential component of investigating and securing evidence to assure successful prosecution of crimes against children.

Program Description

The purpose of this program offer is to reduce the number of crimes against children in the tri-county jurisdiction. Intercept is comprised of the Multnomah/Clackamas/Washington County Sheriff's Offices as well as the Oregon State Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Federal and local prosecutors are the task force's legal partners as well as local parole and probation agencies. Intercept tracks various performance measures to include number of arrests, number of child/parent/teacher education classes and number of investigations.

Program Justification

More than 60 million children in the United States use the internet, with 1 in 3 children having been exposed to unwanted sexually explicit pictures and 1 in 5 children have received a sexual solicitation or approach. 1 in 33 receives an aggressive sexual solicitation where the child was asked to meet the suspect at a location, was telephoned by a suspect or where the suspect sent the child money, gifts or mail (source: "Online Victimization, A Report on our Nations Youth, NCMEC). Since it's inception in August of 2007, Intercept detectives have investigated cases resulting in arrests.

Despite tremendous production with arrest and investigation performance measures, Intercept has limited resources to process computers for evidence. Currently, Intercept has one part-time computer forensics investigator and is assisted by one ICAC computer forensics investigator. Securing evidence in child exploitation criminal cases is imperative for successful prosecution and for advancing investigations to their conclusion. Computer forensic experts are able extract data, photographs, online chat records, etc. all of which are valuable evidentiary items. Evidence obtained by computer forensics investigators assist in furthering a case often leading investigators to more suspects and to residences that are frequented by children and where suspects may supply pornographic material to other suspects.

The Sheriffs of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, working in partnership, are requesting funding from each board of commissioners so that each agency funds one-third of the total full-time Washington County Sheriff's Office forensics investigator who will be assigned to Intercept. By sharing resources, Sheriff's will be meeting this very important need to continue in the investigations of crimes against children residing and visiting the tri-county region.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of computers processed for evidence against children	0	0	0	0
Outcome	No. of arrests resulting from evidence obtained during evidence compu processing	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$3,445	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$6,468	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$9,913	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$59,913	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$59,913	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: