Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

CRAIG ROBERTS, Sheriff

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Request by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to apply for a
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
2015 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program grant

Purpose/Outcome	The Sheriff's Office seeks permission to apply for the 2015 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program grant.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	The total biennial budget request for FYs 2015-2017 will be $1,178,133.44. Allowable costs will be billed to COPS on a quarterly basis.
Funding Source	The U.S. Department of Justice is the source of funding for this grant.
Safety Impact	These funds will provide salary and benefits for four Deputies and one Crime Analyst to enhance the anti-heroin activities of the Clackamas County Inter-agency Task Force (CCITF).
Duration	October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017.
Previous Board Action/Review	Authorization to apply for previous COPS program grants.
Contact Person	Jeff Davis, Lieutenant – office (503) 785-5156
Contract No.	TBD

BACKGROUND:

The FY 2015 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) grant provides funds to law-enforcement agencies with high rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and other opioids. This two-year grant funds the investigation of unlawful heroin and prescription opioid traffickers and illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids. The Sheriff's Office seeks to hire four deputies and an analyst to enhance its investigations of these drug crimes at the street level.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve this request to apply for the aforementioned COPS funding and authorizes Sheriff Craig Roberts, or his designee, to proceed on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Roberts

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U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Fact Sheet

www.cops.usdoj.gov

2015 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program

The FY 2015 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF) is a competitive grant program designed to advance public safety by providing funds to investigate illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids, or unlawful heroin and prescription opioid traffickers through statewide collaboration.

Background

The abuse of opioids, a group of drugs that includes heroin and prescription painkillers, has a devastating impact on public health and safety in this country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 110 Americans on average died from drug poisoning every day in 2011. Prescription drugs were involved in more than half of the 41,300 drug poisoning deaths that year, and opioid pain relievers were involved in nearly 17,000 of those deaths. About 4,400 drug poisoning deaths involved heroin. Drug poisoning deaths outnumbered deaths from gunshot wounds or motor vehicle crashes.[1]

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- AHTF provides funds directly to state law enforcement agencies with high rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and other opioids.
- AHTF funding shall be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities, including activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids, or unlawful diversion and distribution of prescriptive opioids.
- AHTF will be open to state law enforcement agencies with multijurisdictional reach and an interdisciplinary team (e.g., task force) structures. These state law enforcement agencies must have primary law enforcement authority over heroin and other opioids seizures and investigations.
- AHTF funding is not available for treatment programs or prosecution of heroin and other opioid-related activities.
- Approximately $7 million in funding is available for FY 2015 AHTF. Each grant is two years (24 months) in duration, and there is no local match. Each grant recipient may receive a maximum of $1.5 million.

How to Apply

Applicants are first required to register via www.grants.gov and complete an SF-424. After submitting the SF-424, applicants will receive an e-mail with instructions on completing the second part of the AHTF application through the COPS Office Online Application System. To complete the AHTF application, please visit the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov and click on the "Account Access" link in the upper right-hand corner. Applicants should then enter their username and password and select "Applications" from the Agency Portal Menu.

Complete application packages for the FY 2015 AHTF solicitation are due by June 19, 2015 at 7:59 p.m. EDT. Hard copies or electronic copies sent via e-mail will not be accepted.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770, or visit the COPS Office online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

1. "The National Drug Control Strategy," Fact Sheet (Washington, DC: Office of National Drug Control Policy, July 2014), https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ondcp/policy-and-research/2014_strategy_fact_sheet.pdf

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following resources discuss various efforts to address the problem of heroin and other opioids:

Crime Prevention Research Review No.1: Disrupting Street-Level Drug Markets

This report summarizes the findings from all rigorous academic studies evaluating a range of street-level drug law enforcement interventions. It finds that strategic crime control partnerships with a range of third parties are more effective at disrupting drug problems than law enforcement-only approaches.

http://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P128

Drug Market Intervention: An Implementation Guide

This guide provides practical information intended to help law enforcement, community, and social services partners—the strategy's key stakeholders—prepare and successfully execute DMI to close overt drug markets. It discusses the ways overt drug markets damage neighborhoods, contribute to disorder, and negatively affect communities. This publication guides the reader through the processes of partnership formation, police-community reconciliation, dealer notifications, staging call-ins, maintaining closure of drug markets, and delivering services to dealers.

http://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-W0755

Drug Dealing in Privately Owned Apartment Complexes

This problem-oriented guide for police focuses on drug dealing in privately owned apartment complexes. It clearly distinguishes between open and closed drug markets, provides information on what is known about each market type, and offers questions to ask when analyzing each market.

http://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P013

The High Point Drug Market Intervention Strategy

The High Point Drug Market Intervention Strategy tells the compelling story of designing and implementing the original intervention in High Point, North Carolina, and describes a subsequent successful replication in Providence, Rhode Island. This publication is part of an ongoing series by the National Network for Safe Communities about its two core crime reduction strategies.

http://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P166