

ANALYSIS

Department of State Police Sex Offender Registration

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender, Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking, in an amount up to \$400,000, for funding to support and maintain sex offender registrations.

Analysis: The Office of Sex Offender, Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking, also known as the SMART Office, provides funding to assist states, territories, and tribes with implementation and maintenance of sex offender registries as part of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). The SORNA program includes specific requirements for sex offender registration. Currently there are 18 states, 4 territories, and 137 tribes that have successfully implemented all the SORNA requirements, including the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The state of Oregon has successfully implemented two of the thirteen requirements to substantially implement SORNA. This grant is for the federal fiscal year 2023, and there is anticipated to be 60 project awards issued with a maximum award amount of \$400,000, with grants to be awarded by October 1.

If awarded, Oregon State Police would utilize these funds to hire a limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst position to identify any issues around existing statutes, administrative rules, and internal policies and procedures that are preventing the implementation of SORNA, and where appropriate, modify policies, procedures, and rules to meet SORNA guidelines. The grant application deadline is April 19. This is a competitive grant but has no state match requirement.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.

Oregon State Police Fox

Request: The Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting authorization to apply for a grant of up to \$400,000 for implementation and ongoing maintenance requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: OSP is requesting authorization to apply for a competitive grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking for the Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant. The purpose of these grant funds is to support the work performed by OSP to fulfill the statutory requirements under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. SORNA requires all states to create and maintain a sex offender registry that meets the standards set by federal legislation. OSP is the agency responsible for performing this work in Oregon and ensuring compliance with the federal standards.

The grant application is due April 19, 2023 and has no match requirement. This grant is expected to be awarded in October of 2023, and has a three-year period of performance.



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Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Sex Offender, Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART), for the FY 2023 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant in an amount up to \$400,000.

This grant opportunity provides funding to assist eligible states, District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments with implementation and ongoing maintenance of requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, specifically Subtitle A of Title I, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

The SMART Office expects to make up to 60 project awards or up to \$400,000 total awarded for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2023. This grant solicitation was posted on February 15, 2023. The grant application deadline is April 19, 2023.

Agency Action

The FY 2023 Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement SORNA.

As an Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant recipient, SORNA requires 1) all states, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories and participating federally recognized Indian tribes to maintain a sex offender registry; and 2) sex offenders to register and maintain a current registration in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, is an employee or is a student. SORNA also sets forth requirements for sex offender registries, to include specified information, duration of registration and

in-person verification of sex offender registration information, as well as participation in the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW.gov) and interjurisdictional notification of relocating offenders.

Implementing SORNA requirements continues to be a priority for OSP as it continues to focus its efforts on progress towards substantial SORNA compliance. The Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant opportunity supports OSP's priority of becoming substantially SORNA compliant.

The grant does not require a match.

Action Requested

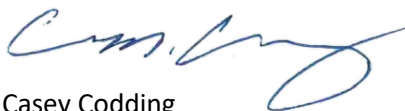
Approve OSP's request to apply for the FY 2023 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking.

Legislation Affected

None.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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cc: Constantin Severe, Governor's Office
 Lisa Fox, Dept. of Administrative Services - Chief Financial Office
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 Josh Brooks, OSP Deputy Superintendent
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