

ANALYSIS

Oregon State Police Sex Offender Registration and Notification

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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 the amount of up to \$400,000, for a Support Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant.

Analysis: The Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting permission to apply for 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 for a Support Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant. The grant could be up to \$400,000 over a 36-month period beginning October 2025 to September 2028. The grant was announced on January 15, 2025 and the application deadline is March 17, 2025.

This a competitive grant that requires no state matching funds and would be used to continue OSP's efforts toward implementation, and compliance with, the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Grant funds would be used to review current Oregon Revised Statute, Oregon Administrative Rules, and agency policies and practices and then make recommendations for changes to comply with SORNA. OSP has received similar Adam Walsh Act grants in 11 of the last 16 federal fiscal years beginning in October of 2009.

If the grant is approved, and depending upon the amount of award, OSP would require Federal Funds expenditure limitation and the establishment of one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst position (1.00 FTE) to conduct the reviews.

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

Department of State Police Bennett

Request: Authorization to apply for a grant of up to \$400,000 for implementation and ongoing maintenance requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection Safety Act of 2006 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Department of State Police (OSP) is requesting authorization to apply for the FY 2025 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 (SMART). The purpose of the grant funds is to support 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 of 2006. 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 federal standards. If awarded, OSP plans to use the grant funds for costs associated with continuing an Operations and Policy Analyst position tasked with interpreting existing statutes and administrative rules and making policy recommendations to support OSP's priority of becoming substantially SORNA compliant.

The grant application is due March 17, 2025, and has no match requirement. If selected, the grant is expected to be awarded by October 1, 2025, and have a 36-month performance period.



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Police (OSP) respectfully requests 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 2025 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant in an amount up to \$400,000.

This grant opportunity provides funding to assist eligible states, the 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 of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

The SMART Office expects to make up to 50 project awards or up to \$400,000 total awarded for a 36-month period of performance beginning October 1, 2025. This grant solicitation was posted on January 15, 2025, applications due March 17, 2025.

Agency Action

The FY 2025 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 lives, works or is a student.

SORNA also sets forth requirements regarding what jurisdictions must include in their sex offender registries, what information sex offenders and sex offender registries must provide, requires jurisdictions to participate in the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW.gov) and

exchange interjurisdictional information, and that offenders must provide advance notice when traveling internationally.

Implementing SORNA requirements continues to be a priority for OSP as it continues to focus its efforts on progress towards substantial SORNA compliance. If awarded, grant funds would be used for costs associated with a position an Operations and Policy Analyst, for interpreting Oregon Department of Justice options, existing Oregon Revised Statutes, and Oregon Administrative rules to make policy recommendations for SORNA compliance. The Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant opportunity supports OSP's priority of becoming substantially SORNA compliant.

The grant does not require state matching funds.

Action Requested

Approve OSP's request to apply for the FY 2025 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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