

Analysis
Department of State Police
Adam Walsh Act

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) program for an Adam Walsh Act Competitive Implementation grant in the amount of up to \$400,000 to improve Oregon's sex offender registration and notification processes and systems.

Analysis: Funding from the Federal SMART program supports state and tribal efforts in implementing the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which requires states to maintain sex offender registries and requires sex offenders to register their whereabouts. The Oregon State Police maintains Oregon's sex offender registry, and proposes to use the grant funding, if awarded, to enhance its sex offender registry technology for better data reporting and information sharing, and to assist federal and local law enforcement agencies with identifying non-compliant offenders.

The 2020 Adam Walsh Act grant makes \$16 million available nationwide for SORNA implementation activities, with an anticipated 40 total grant awards of up to \$400,000 each. This three-year grant has no match requirements. The grant application deadline is March 24, 2020, with funding made available to successful applicants from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

The Oregon State Police has received this grant in eight of the past eleven years. If the grant is awarded, the agency may return to the legislature to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority, if needed.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: Approve the request.



February 10, 2020

The Honorable Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon State Police (OSP) respectfully requests permission 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 2020 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Competitive Grant in an amount up to \$400,000.

This grant 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 of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

The SMART Office expects to make awards for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2020. This grant does not require a match. The grant application deadline is March 24, 2020.

Agency Action

This grant solicitation was posted on January 23, 2020. The agency is currently working on developing a grant proposal to help support projects that align with Oregon's goal of adopting and substantially implementing SORNA guidelines. Historically, the agency has received annual Adam Walsh Act grants in the range of \$135,000 to \$369,464. Funds have been used to achieve the goals of enhancing public safety through sex offender record maintenance and information-sharing with law enforcement partners and stakeholder groups, and technology enhancements with the ultimate goal of substantial SORNA implementation.

The grant does not require a match. If this grant is awarded, OSP may need to request position authority and an increase in its Federal Fund limitation for both the 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennia in a future meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

Action Requested

Approve OSP's request to apply for the FY 2020 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. C. Hampton".

Travis Hampton
Superintendent
Oregon State Police

cc: Constantin Severe, Governor's Office
 Michelle Lisper, Dept. of Administrative Services - Chief Financial Office
 Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office
 Terri Davie, OSP Deputy Superintendent
 Traci Cooper, OSP Chief Financial Officer