Finding and Applying for COPS Technology Grants

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Presentation Outline

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ICTP Introduction

Interoperable Communications Technology Program

ICTP Purpose

Award technology grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of enhancing public safety wireless voice interoperability and data information sharing.
ICTP Characteristics

- Targeted to invited jurisdictions, includes both large and small population centers
- Multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary projects
- Historically a one year grant, in FY 2005 changed to 3 years
- 25% local cash match
- Federal cap of $6 million
- Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- Peer review process and competitive

ICTP Funding

Investments made by the COPS Office for discretionary interoperability grants:

- FY 2003 Program -- $66.5 million awarded to 14 jurisdictions
- FY 2004 -- $82.6 million awarded to 23 jurisdictions
- FY 2005 - $92.7 million awarded to 26 jurisdictions
- FY 2006 - ?
ICTP Grants: FY 2003-2005

FY 2005 ICTP Funding

- Received $100M for program, $5M transferred to NIST
- 138 targeted regions using MSAs were invited, which is similar to the FY 2004 program
- 91 regions applied
- We funded 26 regions with multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary interoperability projects
- Funding was for wireless voice interoperability and/or data information sharing projects
Federal Partnerships

Since 2003, the COPS Office has coordinated closely with the following organizations:

- DOJ High Risk Metropolitan Areas Interoperability Project (25 Cities)
- Office of Justice Programs (NIJ and BJA)
- SAFECOM, program within DHS
- NIST
- Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (formerly ODP)
- FEMA

Tech Grant Introduction

Technology Earmark Grant Program
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<td>• No local match requirement</td>
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<td>• Historically a one-year grant, in FY 2005 changed to three years</td>
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<td>• Funding for a wide array of technology-related equipment/services</td>
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<td>• Several discretionary training opportunities</td>
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Tech Grants: FY 1999-2005

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COPS Technology Related Grant Programs

Locating Funding

Common Strategies
Identifying Sources

- Collaborating with other agencies
- Establishing partnerships with local universities
- Community Outreach
- Internet

Web Links

- CFDA - www.cfda.gov
- Federal Grants - www.grants.gov
- IACP - www.iacp.org
- SEARCH - www.search.org
- PERF - www.policeforum.org
- In-Car Camera Training (free) - www.copscameras.org
Important Information

General Information

Contact Information

- **Your State Contact:**
  Grant Program Specialist
  (800) 421-6770

- **ICTP:**
  State Contact, (800) 421-6770

- **Tech Grant:**
  John Oliphant, (202) 305-8450
COPS Funding Information

U.S. Department of Justice

- Response Center: Funding information at your fingertips
  1-800-421-6770

- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
  www.cops.usdoj.gov

Conclusion

Questions?