

## Grant Opportunity Overview

**Program Title:** Sex Offender Management Discretionary Grant Program

**Agencies:** US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**Purpose:** Provide funding to assist jurisdictions in their efforts to prevent further victimization through more effective management of sex offenders.

**Availability of Funds:** Up to 10 grants for \$250,000 maximum for up to 24 months. A 25% match of total project costs is required (\$83,334 of a project with a grand total of \$333,334).

### **Background:**

The Sex Offender Management Discretionary Grant Program is designed to:

- Support jurisdictions as they forge new relationships among the local agencies involved in this work;
- Encourage jurisdictions to focus on the effective management of adult and juvenile sex offenders by engaging key stakeholders in a process that will build the knowledge base of practices currently employed by the jurisdiction;
- Encourage jurisdictions to focus their attention on the full continuum of activities and services needed to address this population across the sanctioning continuum, including investigation, prosecution, adjudication, assessment, confinement, treatment, reentry, and community supervision;
- Support jurisdictions by providing information and tools they can use to inventory and assess their current practice of managing sex offenders and work to expand and improve their existing array of sex offender management strategies; and
- Aid jurisdictions as they collect information to document and evaluate the effectiveness of these approaches and their outcomes.

### **Review Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

**Budget (15 points)** – cost effectiveness.

**Understanding and Commitment to the Principles of Sex Offender Management (20 points)** – a victim-centered approach, collaboration, specialized knowledge of sex offender management for those providing supervision and other services to offenders, and program monitoring and evaluation.

**Clear Description of Current Sex Offender Management Practice (20 points)** – investigation, prosecution, and adjudication; offender assessment; treatment; reentry; supervision; and registration and community notification.

**Need for the Project and Commitment to System Change (20 points)** – information on the nature and extent of sexual offending in our jurisdiction; a clear understanding of the nature and urgency of problems posed by this population and by the jurisdiction's current approach to sex offender management.

**Management and Organizational Capabilities (20 points)** – the public sector agency that will

serve as the grantee and fiscal agency; the staffing and management structure that will support the project work; the collaborative team that will lead the work of this project; a memorandum of understanding among all the agencies represented on the collaborative team; documentation of the collaboration that has previously occurred around the topic of sex offender management.

**Related Federal Projects (5 points)** – active federal grant awards already supporting this or related efforts, pending applications, and how other efforts would be coordinated with the funding sought through this application.

**Lane County's Application:**

In 2001, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) was awarded funds on behalf of the Public Safety Coordinating Council from the BJA Office of Justice Programs, Corrections Program Office, to facilitate a process to develop a plan for community management of juvenile and adult sex offenders. An Adult Sex Offender Management Planning Team and Juvenile Sex Offender Management Planning Team have worked together since November of 2001 to develop a Lane County Adult and Juvenile Sex Offender Management Plan.

A Joint Adult and Juvenile Planning Team recommends the priorities below for a Discretionary Grant. Both juvenile and adult programs will collect data to track offenders and evaluate program effectiveness.

**Juvenile Sex Offender Management**

- Form an expanded Sex Offender Management Team.
- Reimburse private providers for their time to participate in the Team as consultants.
- Create a flexible pool of wraparound funds for use by the Team when no other resources are available to pay for items which are treatment-focused, outcome-driven, and address the Treatment Plan for the youth.
- Invite PO's for adult system to attend Team meetings to:
  - Bring cases that cross juvenile and adult systems
  - Work with Juvenile Team to transition offenders to adult groups with services paid for by flex funds where needed

**Adult Sex Offender Management**

- Hire a Mental Health Specialist to work at the Parole and Probation Office to:
  - Refer sex offenders who are under supervision to treatment
  - Provide information and groups to prepare sex offenders to enter treatment
  - Educate the community on community-based sex offender management, victims rights and issues, and community protection
- Create a flexible pool of wraparound funds managed by the Mental Health Specialist and accessed by the Probation Officers when no other resources are available to pay for items which are treatment-focused, outcome-driven, and address the Treatment Plan for the adult offenders.