

GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Stimulus Action Plan

RECOVERY ACT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE PROGRAM GRANT

The Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Program Grant (CFDA #16.808) authorized by the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*. The grant will help communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provide for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. The competitive grant focuses on eight areas including, but not limited to, category 5 "Enhancing Forensic and Crime Scene Investigations". The project period for awards under this program is up to 24 months with a start date after July 31, 2009. The total ARRA funding available through this program is \$255 million. GBI Division of Forensic Sciences (GBI-DOFS) has applied for \$2,856,492.

The request of \$2,856,492 will be utilized to hire 12 forensic scientists, 3 forensic technicians and purchase instrumentation to support these individuals and enhance the overall forensic analysis capabilities. The eleven scientists will be placed into the firearms, latent prints, drug chemistry, questioned documents, and trace evidence disciplines with the highest backlogs and existing staff who will be retiring in the next 2-3 years. The technicians will be placed into the latent print, firearms and trace evidence disciplines for the same reasons. The activities can be started immediately upon approval of award funding.

Implementation of this project will improve the functioning of the criminal justice system in Georgia by minimizing or eliminating the drop in service delivery capability that is normally experienced when scientific staff resign or retire. By having replacement staff hired and trained in advance of predictable retirements and projected resignations, GBI-DOFS productivity will experience less fluctuation.

The award notification date from the U.S. Department of Justice is July 15, 2009.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

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OJJDP FY09 RECOVERY ACT INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE
PROGRAM GRANT

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Recovery Act Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program Grant (CFDA #16.800) authorized by the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*. The grant will seek to maintain and expand State and regional ICAC task forces to address technology-facilitated child exploitation. The project period for awards under this program is 12 to 24 months, but applicants may request project and budget periods of up to 48 months. The total ARRA funding available through this program is \$50 million. GBI High Technology Unit has applied for the formula amount of \$947,058 for Georgia and requested the extension to 48 month.

The request of \$947,058 will be utilized to hire 3 forensic computer specialists, 1 clerical support staff, and purchase of equipment, training and supplies to support these individuals and enhance the overall enforcement for effectiveness in responding to online enticement of children by sexual predators, child exploitation, and child obscenity and pornography cases. The activities can be started immediately upon approval of award funding.

Implementation of this project will improve the goal of reduction or elimination of the backlog of electronic evidence that waits processing in the ICAC investigations worked by the GBI High Technology Unit. This will enhance all other affiliated members of the Georgia ICAC Task Force, the more timely prosecution of the cases associated with these forensic examinations, the ability of the task force agents to conduct more investigations, and the efficient management of the task force in providing customer service to the approximately 100 affiliate agencies that make up the task force.

The award notification date from the U.S. Department of Justice is to be determined by OJJDP.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

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