

FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Requests

Project Title: A Child Is Missing-South Carolina
Amount: \$300,000
Intended Recipient: A Child Is Missing, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Purpose: To assist law enforcement agencies find missing persons.

Description:

A Child Is Missing (ACIM) is a not-for-profit organization that assists law enforcement agencies across the country, including law enforcement agencies in South Carolina, in the first few hours a child or an elderly adult is reported missing. The program is available (free of charge) to all law enforcement agencies. A Child Is Missing has worked 130 cases in South Carolina and has been credited by South Carolina law enforcement agencies with 8 successful recoveries. Nationwide, ACIM has been credited by law enforcement agencies with more than 450 successful recoveries.

The request will be used for maintaining and upgrading ACIM's telephony technology and satellite mapping system. It will also help cover the support functions it provides to South Carolina law enforcement agencies on missing children/elderly cases; support ACIM's South Carolina law enforcement training sessions; and, establish community awareness meetings involving child safety issues throughout the state of South Carolina.

Project Title: A Research, Education and Technology Transfer Project Benefitting the Apparel and Sewn Products Industry
Amount: \$3,500,000
Intended Recipient: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation, Cary, NC
Purpose: To conduct research and disseminate results to improve competitiveness of the U.S. Apparel Industry.

Description:

More than one million jobs in textile and apparel manufacturing have been lost to foreign competitors over the past fifteen years. It is unlikely that a reversal of the outflow of jobs will occur in the near-term, but the manufacturing and distribution jobs remaining in the United States provide income and security for some of the most vulnerable individuals in our communities. Through the existence of such enterprises and employed work force, a warm base of manufacturing capability will be maintained for use in times of military call-up and for products necessary to the national defense. Financial support from the industry sector served, expected to be in excess of the amount of requested federal grant, will be utilized in tandem with grant funds to increase competitiveness for this industry sector.

This is an on-going project of research, discovery and dissemination of appropriate technologies for use in the apparel, sewn products and soft goods industry. Globally seeking new technologies and providing guidance through seminars, short courses, consulting and demonstration, this organization provides thought leadership and vision for an industry that has sustained serious loss of jobs in the past decade. This is a national project, with local impact in states where manufacturing is still a viable business sector.

Project: Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force
Amount: \$16,000,000
Intended Recipient: United States Marshall Service

Purpose: For the establishment of the USMS led Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Description:

The proposed United States Marshall Service (USMS) led Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF) would be the most ambitious, cooperative law enforcement initiative undertaken in the region to target, identify, and apprehend “Most Wanted” violent fugitives. The funding required to establish the Carolinas RTRF is \$16,000,000 in FY09, the addition of 40 USMS Full-time Federal employees, and \$4,000,000 for subsequent fiscal years on a reoccurring basis. As outlined in the USMS Investigative Services Division Strategic Plan, the Carolinas RFTF would be headquartered in Charlotte, NC with satellite offices throughout both North and South Carolina. The Carolinas RFTF would be comprised of state, local, and federal law enforcement and funding would be utilized to support local law enforcement with overtime reimbursement, equipment, vehicles, training, and costs associated with the criminal investigations.

Project Title: Forensics Lab

Amount: \$250,000

Intended Recipient: Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC

Purpose: To provide DNA, drug, and ballistics analytical services for law enforcement agencies while training scientists for the field.

Description:

Support is needed to strengthen the joint services of the Forensics Laboratory at Claflin University and the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS). The project will benefit all law enforcement agencies within the First Judicial Circuit (Orangeburg and Calhoun counties and portions of Dorchester County), provide DNA, drug and ballistics analytical services for local, regional and national law enforcement agencies while simultaneously training scientists for the field. The faculty within the Forensics Laboratory at Claflin University will offer courses to students from Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, undergraduates and graduate biotechnology students from Claflin and will offer short-course continuing education courses approved by the state’s Law Enforcement Training Academy to local and state law enforcement officials.

Project Title: In-Car Video/Data System

Amount: \$200,000

Intended Recipient: City of Hardeeville, SC

Purpose: To purchase the In-Car Video/Data system which will record audio and video of stops, incident scenes and accidents.

Description:

The City of Hardeeville is one of the fastest growing municipalities in South Carolina. As the City and the surrounding areas continue to grow, the public safety need grows as well. This equipment will help the City Police Officers be better prepared when making stops and will take enormous pressure off of the dispatchers, allowing police officers to gather information electronically. This wireless technology installed in the police vehicles provides the capability to record audio and video of traffic stops, accidents and incident scenes for evidence purposes. The download for the data is wireless and automatic to a server located in the police department. The Laptops provide a mobile data capability for completion of reports and records management in the field. In addition, these systems offer front and rear cameras, fleet tracking, street-level mapping, GPS, wireless microphones, control of the vehicle’s lights and siren and interface with

the National Crime Information Center and state databases for running license plates, driver licenses and criminal histories.

Project Title: Joint Emergency Medical Services / 911 Dispatch Center
Amount: \$150,000
Intended Recipient: Greenville County, SC
Purpose: To conduct a feasibility study.
Description:

In an effort to better protect and serve all residents/guests of Greenville County, it is imperative that they improve their emergency communication systems. A high-tech communications center which joins the Greenville County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS) and the Sheriff's Office E9-1-1 dispatch system into a central location as a method to significantly reduce emergency response times has been identified. This request would fund a feasibility study for a Joint Dispatch Center in Greenville County.

The objectives of the project include (1) to determine the feasibility of establishing a consolidated communications/dispatch center in the County, and (2) to develop a plan of action for the consolidation of dispatch services, including potential location and design of the joint center, if it is determined that consolidation is feasible. Rapid response and increased law enforcement and safety are critical, especially in emergency situations. Coordinating efforts and emergency response has the potential to provide better and quicker public safety response, which is essential for the welfare of the residents of Greenville County.

Project Title: Law Enforcement Automated Data Repository System (LEADR)
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, Orangeburg, SC
Purpose: For the purchase of equipment.
Description:

Developed in South Carolina, the Law Enforcement Automated Data Repository System (LEADR) creates a bottom-up approach using open source software. Tennessee currently uses the system as well and it is expected to expand to Alabama and Louisiana next year. Today, during routine police activities in South Carolina and Tennessee, an officer can search on partial license tags, names and addresses to rapidly correlate past contacts. The system shows probable matches with red and yellow alerts indicating additional caution is needed. All of the data in the system is derived from local and state law enforcement as well as local, state and occasionally federal government records. This funding will expand the capacity of the system and allow for mapping and location awareness so law enforcement can coordinate activities and have a graphical and pictorial representation of patterns and activities. It will also allow for the continued expansion of the system to additional states, making LEADR a powerful tool for law enforcement.

Project Title: Law Enforcement Communications
Amount: \$350,000
Intended Recipient: City of West Columbia, SC
Purpose: To purchase and install twelve (12) Automatic License Plate Recognition systems.
Description:

The West Columbia Police Department has been widely recognized as one of the best forces in South Carolina and across the nation. However, their lack of technology continues to complicate and potentially compromise day-to-day security operations in the city and surrounding region. As currently staffed, there is often only one dispatcher on duty at a time, and that individual is solely responsible for locating and relaying information on stopped vehicles, drivers, and other issues to officers on patrol. Funding will be used to purchase equipment to increase officers' ability to check license plates and look for suspicious vehicles, improving overall safety.

The Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) would assist the West Columbia Police Department in identifying offenders in real time, without waiting for information from the dispatcher. The technology uses infrared scanning devices mounted on each patrol car, which recognize license plate numbers and compares them against multiple databases including wanted files, missing person files, AMBER alerts, terrorist watch lists, and gang databases.

Project Title: National Textile Center (NTC)
Amount: \$1,200,000
Intended Recipient: Clemson University
Purpose: To support research, development, and technology transfer in polymers, fibers, and textiles.

Description:

As increasingly more textile manufacturing is moved outside of the U.S., the ability of the U.S. Military to assure secure domestic sources of essential textile materials is becoming jeopardized. The NTC research in support of this industry helps to retain these domestic suppliers. In addition, the textile research programs at the eight NTC universities are a major source of highly trained graduates for the U.S. government research labs, many of which are engaged in defense-related projects.

Clemson University is requesting funding to support research and development, undergraduate and graduate education, and technology transfer at Clemson University in the broadly defined area of polymers, fibers, and textiles research. This program is part of the National Textile Center, the eight-university consortium funded by the Department of Commerce (DoC) for many years; hence, there is a substantial infrastructure and expertise in the area that the requested funding would enable to continue. Consequently, existing jobs will be supported and new jobs created.

Project Title: Office Data and Records Management Update
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sumter, SC
Purpose: For the purchase of data, records, evidence, and reporting software (LE specific) to meet state & federal compliance.

Description:

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is seeking federal funding to implement a full-service software package that will handle all aspects of records management, data sharing, communication between personnel, criminal intelligence, evidence tracking, sex offender tracking, gang intelligence, crime analysis and paperless reporting. This project will include all software, hardware, data porting and training needed to allow our office to be fully compliant with state and federal initiatives and mandates within three to six months. The paperless reporting will greatly improve the amount of time it takes to enter, collect, analyze and report data. This portion alone would reduce almost twenty three hundred man-hours annually in redundant

entering of data. This software would allow them to exchange and query information from their correctional facility and finance departments who have already upgraded.

Project Title: Police Technology
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: City of Columbia, SC
Purpose: For the purchase of police security cameras and a police driving simulator.

Description:

In an effort to counter a disturbing increase in gang activity, drug use and youth violence and to address homeland security concerns, the City of Columbia is implementing a network of surveillance and security cameras. The network of cameras will monitor crime hot spots, business districts, parking garages, parks, major thoroughfares and critical infrastructure, most notably water and wastewater facilities where chemicals are stored. Funding for this effort is needed to address the safety and well-being of residents of the City of Columbia.

The City will use this funding to implement a network of surveillance and security cameras to counter an increase in gang activity, drug use and youth violence. The City of Columbia will also use this funding to purchase monitors and data storage equipment connected to the City's planned network of security cameras for emergency operations center monitoring.

Project Title: Regional Fire Training Center
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Greenwood County, SC
Purpose: For construction and the purchasing of equipment.

Description:

The State of South Carolina, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as well as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) establish the minimum requirements for all training to include sustainment training. In order to sustain perishable skills, fire fighters must conduct "hands-on" training in varying aspects and environments of fire and rescue. Funding of this project will ensure the continued safety and protection of the Greenwood County community, through the maintenance and advancement of fire fighter training. It is unique in that it offers benefits to the surrounding counties as well, ensuring a regional impact.

Project Title: Regional Training Center and Tactical Response Upgrades
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Florence County Sheriff's Office, Florence, SC
Purpose: To improve law enforcement training and tactical response/homeland security in South Carolina.

Description:

The Florence County Sheriff's Office is requesting federal support to improve law enforcement training and tactical response in South Carolina. Federal funds will enable the Florence County Sheriff's office in completing upgrades to a state of the art Regional Training Center. The requested funds will also be used to upgrade the overall tactical response capabilities of the SWAT and COBRA/CBRNE teams' to better serve the Pee Dee Region in South Carolina. The Florence County Sheriff's Office is requesting funds to complete a Regional Training Center and improve the regional tactical response capabilities.

Project Title: State and Local Prosecutors Training Program at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, SC
Amount: \$6,500,000
Intended Recipient: National District Attorneys Association
Purpose: For the state and local prosecutor legal training program at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, SC

Description:

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is requesting funding to continue its training program at The Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center (NAC) on the campus of the University of South Carolina. The project is national in scope as over 3,000 prosecutors are trained at the NAC per year, which is approximately 1 out of every 12 local prosecutors, and is the largest and most productive national training facility for prosecutors. The NDAA has provided training at the NAC for more than 23,000 state and local prosecutors since the center's inception in 1998, and each year the NDAA conducts 40 or more courses offered to prosecutors from diverse jurisdictions throughout the nation. The EFH NAC is a state-of-the-art venue for prosecutors to learn the art and science of trial advocacy from a faculty of experienced prosecutors; to learn from nationally recognized experts the substance of the law and science they need to understand to successfully prosecute those who have committed crimes in their communities; and to improve their prosecutorial skills.

The NAC provides meeting rooms, auditoriums, computer labs and 10 courtrooms, all fully equipped with the audio-visual capabilities necessary to teach student prosecutors how to keep their trial skills in pace with the technologically advanced world. Students attending the courses have all expenses paid, including travel and lodging and in addition receive a per diem. Student selection for each course represents prosecutors and their staffs from across the United States. Since 1998, federal, state and local prosecutors have gathered at the NAC from all 50 states.

Project Title: State Courts Improvement Initiative
Amount: \$2,000,000
Intended Recipient: National Center for State Courts , Williamsburg, VA
Purpose: For research, education, and technical assistance services to the state courts.

Description:

The State Courts Improvement Initiative would enable the National Center for State Courts to expand its services in three key areas: its Knowledge Information Services Division (KIS) which acts as a clearinghouse service for state court personnel; increased Education & Technical Assistance for judges and other court personnel, and National Court Initiatives research, which would help the state courts meet daunting challenges in top priority initiatives such as immigration, terrorism, healthcare, emergency preparedness, global epidemics or pandemics, and court security.

The purpose of the State Courts Improvement Initiative is to enable and equip the courts to establish justice as set forth in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution. In order to accomplish this, assistance must be provided where the greatest volume of justice is served – the state courts. With over 98% of litigation being initiated at that level, state courts function as the laboratories for innovation that can be disseminated for improvement of justice nationwide. The challenge remains that many projects of importance identified by the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators or other key state court officials do not always align with the specific grant programs available to the NCSC. Therefore, some high priority initiatives

are not funded. Funding the State Court Improvement Initiative would provide the NCSC the necessary general purpose dollars for such identified services for the benefit of the South Carolina State Court System and State Courts across the United States and its territories.

Project Title: “Stewards of Children” Prevention Training Program
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Darkness to Light, Charleston, SC
Purpose: To fund the "Stewards of Children" Prevention Training Program.
Description:

The Stewards of Children Prevention Training for South Carolina Educators seeks to train an additional 25,000 South Carolina educators in child sexual abuse prevention during the 2010-2011 school year. This represents half of South Carolina’s 50,000 public educators. *Stewards of Children* is the only program in the nation that has been proven effective in increasing knowledge, improving attitudes and changing child protection behavior about child sexual abuse over the long-term. By training an additional 50% of South Carolina teachers and administrators -- in addition to the 20% already trained – the state’s public schools will be recognized as the safest schools in the nation and make the South Carolina Department of Education a model of leadership for educator child sexual abuse prevention.

Project Title: Wild American Shrimp, Inc.
Amount: \$5,000,000
Intended Recipient: Wild American Shrimp, Inc., Charleston, SC
Purpose: To continue a national research and development program for new products, improved quality assurance, and marketing, of domestic wild shrimp.

Description:

Wild American Shrimp, Inc. (WASI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing new U.S. Gulf and South Atlantic products and implementing a quality assurance certification program that gives consumers a meaningful choice and assures that they are purchasing a premium product harvested from a sustainable shrimp fishery in domestic waters. Through consumer education and the development of enhanced marketing opportunities for this premium shrimp, added value and quality is created for the domestic shrimp industry in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Project Title: Youth Mentoring Program
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Team Focus, Fort Mill, SC
Purpose: For a mentoring and leadership training program for fatherless young men.

Description:

This project reaches out to young men who are particularly at-risk of becoming involved in delinquent and criminal behavior because they do not have a father figure in their homes. Young men growing up without a father are far more likely to commit crime and become incarcerated if they do not receive positive support, mentoring and nurturing. Team Focus changes lives and prevents crime. Federal funding will enable Team Focus to assist greater numbers of at-risk young men in South Carolina.

For young men ages 10 to 18 without a father figure in the home, Team Focus provides leadership skills, guidance, moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. Team Focus strives to provide potential leaders of tomorrow with a positive influence and lessons that will benefit them throughout their life.

Team Focus offers a model leadership camp training program uniquely designed to provide guidance and support to young men who do not have a father in their home; encourage young men in academics, athletics, social skills, and moral values; develop leadership skills and teamwork; motivate boys to strive for higher positive goals and achieve victories; create a safe environment for young men to grow in society; and build support through work with families, teachers, counselors, and positive role models.