



COLLIN COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, TX 75071

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2010
TO: Grant Committee
CC: Chief Rick Allen
FROM: Major Chuck Ruckel *CR*
RE: Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator Grant

The attached grant request is to provide funding (salary and fringe benefits only) for one Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator. This Investigator would also be trained in forensic analysis of computers, telephones, and other electronic storage devices.

The Criminal Justice Grant program being applied for provides funding for up to \$80,000. The actual salary and benefits for a new position is \$76,421; therefore, this will cover the entire cost.

This new grant would provide funding for our Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator that was originally awarded for one (1) year only in 2009 by the Justice Assistance Grant, but not yet funded. Without future funding from this grant, the position will be eliminated resulting in a tremendous loss of capability in the fight against internet crimes against children.

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Department Name/Number:
Collin County Sheriffs Office

Contact Person:
Chuck Ruckel

Title: Major
Phone: 972 547-5109



Grant Summary Form

Submit completed form along with one original copy of the grant application along with all supporting documentation to the Budget & Finance Office (BFO) and the Grant Review Committee (GRC), not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled Commissioner Court meeting.

Phone: (972) 548-4650

Grant Description

Grant Title:
Child Abuse Investigator (Technology Related Crimes)

Grantor:
Federal grants funded by the Criminal Justice Division of the US Department of Justice

Funding Source:
 State
 Federal
 Other:
Payment Method:
 Cost Reimbursement
 Other:

Grant Type:
 New Grant
 Continuation
 Amendment
Award Type:
 One-Time
 Ongoing

Deadline: March 5, 2010 (App)	Award Date: 2010	Project Start Date: October 2010	Project End Date: October 2011	Amount: 80,000
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Purpose: Continue the current effort of investigating computer related crime as they relate to child abuse

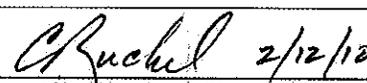
Grant Categories/ Funding Source	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	County Match	In-Kind	Total
Personnel	76,421.00					76,421.00
Operating						
Capital Equipment						
Indirect Costs						
Total						76,421.00
FTEs						

Performance Measures Applicable Outcome Measures	FY 2009 Progress to Date				FY 2010
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Criminal investigations for child related crimes (Possession Child Pornography, Online Solicitation of a Minor, etc...)	20	8	3	5	25
Crime prevention and computer awareness presentations	2	4	1	0	12
Forensic Exams of Computers, and other electronic data/image storage devices	70	65	75	70	250

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The Department named above is applying for the Grant Program named above, and if awarded, will accept full responsibility for the management of any funds awarded to the County under this grant, and will adhere to any policies and procedures set forth by the Grantor and its related agencies or agents, as well as those of the County, and its financial and administrative departments. To that end, please find enclosed the following items for initial review:

- A copy of the original, completed, signed Application
- All attachments, back-up documentation or amendments to be submitted to the Grantor in support of the application
- Grant Summary Form
- Memo of request to Commissioner Court for acceptance and approval

Completed by: <i>C. RUCKEL, MAJOR</i> <hr/> Department Head/Designee Printed Name	 2/12/10 <hr/> Department Head/Designee Signature & Date
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Part II – To be completed by the Grant Review Committee:

The Budget and Finance Department (BFO), in conjunction with the Grant Review Committee (GRC), has reviewed the application and/or award as detailed above, and the application and/or award is:

- Provisionally Accepted.** The application and/or award may be submitted to Commissioner Court. (See 'Comments' Below)
- Refused.** Further information or amendments are required. (See 'Comments' Below)
- Rejected.** (See 'Comments Below')

Budget and Finance (BFO) Recommendation: Short-term (less than one year) and Long-term (two years and more) Costs?

County Auditor Comments:

Information Technology (IT) Comments:

Purchasing Comments:

Human Resources (HR) Comments:

Completed by:

GRC Member/Designee Printed Name

GRC Member/Designee Signature & Date

FY11 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS Addendum

Submission Instructions: email to cjapplications@nctcog.org by March 5, 2010

COMPLETED ADDENDUM SHOULD NOT EXCEED 5 PAGES

Agency Name: Collin County Sheriffs Office

Application title:

Application #:

Individual Project Title (if applicable): Criminal Investigator/Child Abuse

PROJECT BUDGET INFORMATION – indicate the total amount of each line item for this project:

CATEGORY	REQUESTED AMOUNT
Personnel	\$76,421.00
Contract & Professional Services	0
Travel & Training	0
Equipment	0
Supplies & Direct Operating Expenses	0
Indirect	0
TOTAL FOR THIS PROJECT	\$76,421.00

1. **PROBLEM STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING DATA (up to 15 points):** *The problem statement should refer to situations outside of your organization that are directly related to your target population. What "external" situation will be dealt with if you are awarded the grant? Substantiate the problem by providing at least two years of data that are relevant to the target area served. NOTE: Data source(s) must be noted and verifiable.*

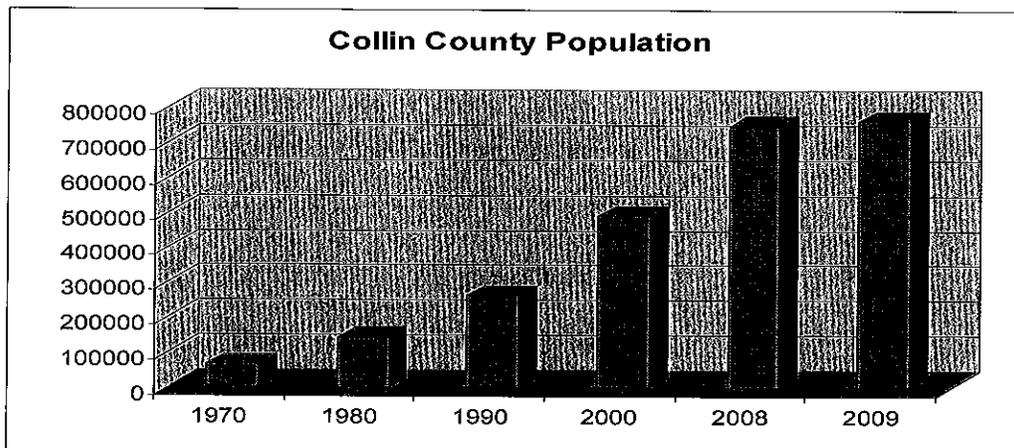
Possession of Child Pornography and Online Solicitation of Minors via the Internet.

The availability and use of the Internet is rapidly expanding across the United States. An article in Children and Computer Technology stated 60% of American homes with children ages 8 to 17 have computers that are connected to the Internet. More than half of them have access within the privacy of their bedrooms. National research conducted by Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) show the internet use by youth to increase from 73% in 2000 to 93% in 2006. During those years, the arrest for online predators rose in an alarming rate, nearly 5-fold.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- 1 in 7 youth receive a sexual solicitation over the internet
- 40% of those receive an "aggressive solicitation" defined as an offer to meet or contact in person
- 34% receive unwanted sexual explicit material over the internet
- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before adulthood

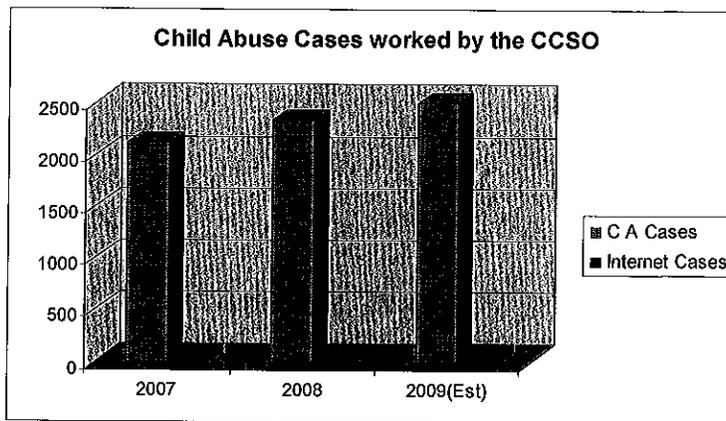
In addition to the dramatic increase in population (see below) within Collin County comes the rise in child abuse investigations. The use of stored data, internet, and home computers are also prevalent in these investigations. Child Abuse Investigators are often confronted with evidence related to computers and the internet.



During 2009 The Collin County Sheriffs Office filed 36 criminal cases in which the suspects contacted undercover investigators posing as minor children. 280 forensic exams were completed on computers, phones and other peripherals for possession of child pornography by the Collin County Sheriffs Office. We are the only local agency that conducts (on site) forensic exams.

The Collin County Sheriffs Office serves as the child abuse investigators for 13 area law enforcement agencies within Collin County through the Rural Child Abuse Task Force. The goal is to continue the investigations as indicated above.

The problem we wish to address is: the Collin County Sheriff's Office serves as the Child Abuse Investigators for 13 law enforcement agencies within Collin County through the Rural Task Force. In 2009, the Collin County Sheriff's Office received a one-time grant from the Justice Assistance Grant to fund a full-time internet crimes against children investigator. This grant included all equipment and training for the forensic analysis of computers, telephones and other electronic devices. Because this was a one year only grant and the lack of County funds for additional personnel this year, this position will be eliminated if this grant request is not funded. Without this funding the Task Force will have no full-time Internet Crimes against Children Investigator. Furthermore, there will be no local forensic capability in Collin County.



2. **GOAL STATEMENT (40 WORDS OR LESS) (up to 5 points):** Describe the goal of the project as it relates to the identified problem(s). Proposed project goals are clearly stated and reflect anticipated outcomes of the project. The goal is all about the target group and how they will be changed/improved/impacted. Goals must be attainable within the grant period. DO NOT include statistical data or activities in the goal statement.

The goal of this project is to continue to provide the citizens of Collin County with a full time, “PRO ACTIVE”, investigator for internet child abuse, resulting in increasing the arrest rate for internet crimes against children by 2010-2011.

3. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION (up to 20 points):**

ALL PROJECTS: Completely describe those activities and the strategies to be used to respond to the needs of your target population. It should be clear that the activities/strategies are in direct response to the problem.

EQUIPMENT ONLY: Describe how this equipment will be used: What does the equipment do? Who will use it? What training, if any, will be needed in order to implement this equipment? How often will the equipment be used? Describe the sequence of events/activities that will typically take place when your agency uses this equipment.

Fund one investigator (salary and fringe benefits only) to investigate areas of child abuse and computer forensic with an investigator trained in the investigations of online solicitations and possession/distribution of child pornography.

Continue to provide an education/prevention component with training in the area of prevention awareness of the internet and computers to children, parents and educators of Collin County. Continue the relationship as a “teach the trainer” approach between the Investigator, School Resource Officers, and their respective school districts.

Continue the collaboration effort with the Collin County Rural Child Abuse Unit at the Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center. Continue the investigative benefits of other investigative elements within the multi-disciplinary team at the center. Continue to provide computer forensic exams by the Investigator locally and in a timely manner proving invaluable to ongoing investigations. Continue providing effective investigations with the 13 smaller agencies within the County. Continue current agreements between the Collin County Sheriff’s Office, the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, and the North Texas Electronics Crimes Task Force.

4. **TARGET POPULATION BENEFIT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION (up to 20 points):**

EQUIPMENT ONLY: How does this equipment benefit your agency? How does equipment benefit/impact the community? Describe sustainability plan for equipment – i.e., Long-term maintenance? On-going training? On-going warranty/service contracts? Based on outputs/outcomes in eGrants, describe how you will evaluate this project, including (1) what data will be gathered, (2) how data will be gathered, (3) how outcomes will be measured, (4) the process of data analysis, and (5) how the evaluation will be used for program improvements.

PERSONNEL PROJECT: Describe the anticipated benefits/impact for your target population. Describe sustainability plan for personnel – what happens after the grant period is complete? Based on outputs/outcomes in eGrants, describe how you will evaluate this project, including (1) what data will be gathered, (2) how data will be gathered, (3) how outcomes will be measured, (4) the process of data analysis, and (5) how the evaluation will be used for program improvements.

The Investigator would continue to use all the current equipment on a daily basis during investigations of online solicitations and or the possession/distribution of child pornography. Evidence would be obtained/recovered using the forensic equipment.

A full time Investigator trained in the investigative techniques of child abuse, computers forensics, and the investigations of online solicitations and possession/distribution of child pornography, would be available to act in a pro active manner to investigate cases not only for the rural part of the County (Sheriff's Office) but also for the 13 other cities and jurisdictions within Collin County. Working relationships presently in place with Dallas PD and the US Secret Service will expand the capability and enhance the process. The education component in the school districts would make awareness programs available to over 6,000 children. The outcomes and results of these investigations would be supervised, evaluated by the child abuse unit supervisor on a daily basis. The current investigative case management system would be used to monitor such investigations. At intake, cases/investigations are generated and assigned to investigators. Cases are monitored on a regular basis by the unit supervisor. At or near the conclusion the cases are staffed with the multi-disciplinary team. All investigations are completed by state standard Uniform Crime Reporting system (UCR).

5. **AGENCY COLLABORATION (up to 5 points):** In the table below, list up to ten (10) of the most important collaborations that your agency has with other entities in order to carry out this project. All applicants are strongly encouraged to collaborate with other agencies to achieve similar goals. This includes program integration and enhancement activities, and joint funding efforts.

Equipment Only: Describe if the equipment will be shared with other jurisdictions, describe if others outside your agency will be trained in using the equipment, describe any collaborative purchasing agreements.

Agency name	Describe nature of relationship and results the relationship is expected to achieve in carrying out this project.
Collin County Rural Child Abuse Task Force	13 inter-local agreements to investigate child abuse in the rural areas of Collin County along with 13 smaller jurisdictions within the county. An investigative resource to assist the 13 agencies in the investigations of internet/child pornography cases.
Collin County Children's Advocacy Center	A multi-disciplinary approach to the investigation of child abuse. A collaboration of law enforcement, Child Protective Services, The District Attorney's Office, Therapy, Medical, Forensic Interviewers. Office space within the center to provide the

	investigative support and availability of the resources in the investigation of child abuse.
Collin County School Resource Officer Program	Agreements/partnerships with the Sherriff's Office and four of the rural school districts within the county for school resource officers at each district. To assist in the development and implementation of awareness/prevention programs in the use of computers and the internet
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	Membership as an affiliate agency with the Dallas Police Dept. in the investigation of internet related crimes/child abuse. Both local and national network of investigators to assist in the investigations and provide regional and national training.
North Texas Electronics Crimes Task Force	Membership as an affiliate agency with the Secret Service in the investigation of child abuse cases as they relate to the internet and the possession of child pornography. Regional and National network of investigators to "team work" cases that transcend State boundaries and jurisdictions. National and local training

6. **PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS (up to 5 points):** For grant-funded staff: provide title, indicate new or existing position, name of staff, qualifications of position.

EQUIPMENT ONLY PROJECTS: Who is project manager, role in purchase and implementation? What are qualifications of those using the equipment?

Title	New/Existing Position (N or E)	Name	<u>PERSONNEL PROJECTS:</u> Qualifications of grant-paid position (not of the person currently in that position) <u>EQUIPMENT ONLY PROJECTS:</u> Who is project manager, role in purchase and implementation? What are qualifications of those using the equipment?
Criminal Investigator	E		3 or more years investigative experience, trial experience in felony courts, basic knowledge/ability to learn issues with computers, peripherals, and computer/phone forensics