

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Rural Law Enforcement (Category IV)

\$125 million for competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities to prevent and combat crime in rural areas, including for the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs. To combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America.

Unknown as to what amount available to state or local agencies. Competitive application process. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

No match requirements.

These funds provide the State with more spending authority if grant is awarded through competitive application process.

All monies must be encumbered by September 30, 2010.

The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) made application for this award on April 22, 2009, in the amount of \$1,899,000, for the Consortium for the Exchange of Criminal-Justice Technology (CONNECT) Project Expansion.

DCI requested funding through Category IV: Facilitating Rural Justice Information Sharing.

CONNECT is a web based criminal justice information sharing project currently underway in Alabama, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Strategies/Objectives:

1. To improve user interface to make it easier for law enforcement personnel in each of the CONNECT states to query and view data from out of state data sources.
2. To develop a CONNECT appliance to make interstate connectivity more seamless by providing a common platform for the proposed data exchange.
3. To add three additional states to the CONNECT data sharing initiative.
4. To provide interstate access to the following data stores within each state: drivers' license database; corrections database; court case database; master name index database; crash database; citations database; protective orders database; domestic violence database; vehicle title database; and vehicle registration database.

Deliverables:

1. Improved user interface screens querying CONNECT that can be accessed by users of existing criminal justice portals in each of the participating states.
2. CONNECT appliance deployed in seven locations.

3. Web services providing connectivity to the following databases across seven states: drivers' license database; corrections database; court case database; master name index database; crash database; citations database; protective orders database; domestic violence database; vehicle title database; and vehicle registration database.
4. Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM) authentication and authorization deployed in seven states.