Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force
Legislative Budget Request Form

Request Description

Describe the item or project for which you are requesting funding.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is proposing to redesign and develop a new predatory offender registration system to replace the legacy system for the state of Minnesota. This would include the replacement of the Predatory Offender Database, law enforcement website (POR LE), and public noncompliant website. In addition, the new predatory offender registration system would be designed in a manner that would allow it to be updated to accommodate future changes in technology and/or business processes.

Estimated Cost: $4.1 million

Statewide Impact/Value

Describe the statewide impact and/or value of the item or project described above.

The replacement of the predatory offender registration system would facilitate the following outcomes:

- Law enforcement would have an accurate POR LE site they can rely on for monitoring and searching;
- BCA POR Unit would be able to better use their staff resources, enhance the accuracy of records and reduce the amount of time spent on registrations/updates;
- Minnesota would move closer to compliance with the Adam Walsh Act (SORNA);
- A POR system that is easily maintained, accurate and reliable;
- Reduce human error created by duplicating information in multiple sources;
- The system would be easier to enhance in the future.

Background/Context

Describe the issue this request is designed to address.

In 1991, the Minnesota Legislature enacted the first version of Minnesota’s registration law and established the Sex Offender Registration Unit (SOR) at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). During the next several years, the registration statute underwent significant changes and continued to broaden the types of offenses that require registration.

On August 1, 2000, another revision to the registration law was enacted and the name of the unit was changed to Predatory Offender Registration (BCA POR) to more accurately reflect the offenses that trigger registration.

Today the BCA POR Unit is comprised of investigative support staff and special agents who are responsible for monitoring and tracking Minnesota’s registered predatory offenders. The BCA POR Unit is the central repository for all predatory offender registrant information in Minnesota. As of March 21, 2016, the Minnesota Predatory Offender Registration (POR) database included 30,432 records. This number includes 17,701 offenders who are actively registered with at least one address (primary, secondary, work or school) in Minnesota. The unit processes approximately 30,000 offender updates each year.

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