

FY2011 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Requests

Project Title: A Research, Education and Technology Transfer Project Benefitting the Apparel and Sewn Products Industry
Amount: \$1,000,000
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 Title: Forensics Chemistry Program
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Newberry College, Newberry, SC
Purpose: To expand Newberry's forensic chemistry program in analytical instrumentation and a DNA analysis program

Description:

Federal funding will enable Newberry College to expand its forensic chemistry program in two distinct areas: 1) analytical instrumentation and 2) a DNA analysis program. Funding for these two programs will allow Newberry to train students in the procedures they will use in a forensic laboratory. Specifically, Newberry will have the instrumentation to train its students to test traces of radioactive isotopes (important in Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training scenarios and blood-borne chemical pathogens). Without support from federal funds, Newberry College will not be able to purchase this equipment. Without this equipment, Newberry students cannot contribute to the ongoing work of SLED and the capacity to immediately enter the workforce will be curtailed. By having access to the money for this equipment, Newberry students will be trained in the state and will most likely be hired in the state. In the absence of this money the work will not be completed in a timely manner in the state and will likely be outsourced to a lab outside of South Carolina.

Project Title: Forensics Laboratory
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: Jobs Not Jail
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: South Carolina Centers for Fathers and Families
Purpose: To strengthen the Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) program for eight of the Fatherhood programs sites

Description:

The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families provides ongoing support and oversees program operations and fiscal management of seven fatherhood programs in 11 locations throughout South Carolina. These non-traditional programs annually help more than 1,400 low-income, non-custodial fathers provide financial, physical and emotional support to their children. The Center is requesting federal funding to strengthen the Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) program for eight of their Fatherhood program sites. The ATI program addresses pressing economic challenges faced by the justice system, communities and parents. The program is designed to provide an alternative to incarceration for low-income, non-custodial parents while receiving comprehensive experienced-based fatherhood services and job training and preparation. The ultimate goal is to improve the lives of low-income children by helping non-custodial fathers support them financially and emotionally.

Project Title: Law Enforcement Enhancement Programs
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: City of Hardeeville, SC
Purpose: For the purchase of data, records, evidence, and reporting software (LE specific) to meet state & federal compliance.

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. Federal funding will allow the City to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to help Hardeeville 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 gathering of information will help keep officers and City residents safer, as officers can run plate information in real time and make stops as soon as information is received. In addition, time will be saved from filing reports manually, keeping officers focused on their role in the field and removing the burden of manually filing data and information.

Project Title: Mobile Data Terminals
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Charleston County, SC
Purpose: For the purchase of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTS) to improve information exchange with emergency dispatchers and other public safety personnel.

Description:

The Charleston community is subject to high rates of crime and is vulnerable to acts of terrorism (Department of Homeland Security Federal Port Risk Assessment Tier Two for Terrorism Risk) as well as natural disasters. Utilizing mobile data terminals (MDTs) in vehicles will improve public safety by increasing law enforcement efficiency and effectiveness. MDTs are laptop computers mounted inside the patrol vehicle that significantly improve information exchange with emergency dispatchers and other public safety personnel. These systems also enable other crucial capabilities such as unit location knowledge and criminal identity verification.

Due to budget constraints experienced by Charleston County, the project is currently an unfunded County public safety need. MDTs will provide law enforcement officers with immediate and accurate details about 9-1-1 call data, emergency incident information, location of other law enforcement units, criminal records, wanted persons, drivers' records, vehicle registrations, and stolen property information.

Project Title: National Advocacy Center (NAC)
Amount: \$4,750,000
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: 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: Sheriff's Office Enhanced Services
Amount: \$150,000
Intended Recipient: Florence County Sheriff's Office
Purpose: To improve law enforcement training and tactical response/homeland security in South Carolina.

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: South Carolina Courts Statewide Electronic Filing Initiative
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: South Carolina Judicial Department, Columbia, SC
Purpose: For the development and implementation of electronic filing in the South Carolina Courts

Description:

The purpose of the South Carolina Courts statewide electronic filing project is to transition the courts from the current practice of only being able to accept paper documents to eventually having all documents submitted to the courts through the internet. The funds needed to develop and implement this capability in the South Carolina Courts are not currently available and due to the current economic crisis are not anticipated to be available for years. Therefore, without federal support, this project will continue to be placed on the South Carolina wish list without any means to execute it. This project will enable the courts to provide services that it cannot currently provide and improve the accuracy, timeliness, and accessibility of the incoming court data which is used throughout the criminal justice system. Therefore, the users of the court system will

become a primary funding source used to sustain the court technology operations into the future instead of the taxpayers, local government, and state government bearing the burden of completely funding the courts.

Project Title: State Courts Improvement Initiative
Amount: \$1,000,000
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.