

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Internet Crimes Against Children

\$50 million to help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.

The Office of Justice Programs has been designated as the lead agency in administering this funding, but time frames not yet announced.

Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is one of 62 ICAC Task Forces, nationwide. DCI has utilized ICAC funding, received through the Attorney General's Office, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) since 1999. DCI recently received an ICAC Continuation Award for \$405,000 that began on October 1, 2008 and ends March 31, 2010. This award funds five special agents overtime expenses, fully funds one administrative assistance contract employee, provides for investigative travel expenses, training expenses, hardware/equipment and software expenses.

On April 8, 2009, DCI submitted a grant application for the determined formula amount, under the ARRA application, for \$424,573.00. This application was submitted requesting funding for four years for a Task Force Officer (TFO), to be assigned from a local law enforcement agency to the Wyoming ICAC Team. Funding requested included training, travel, vehicle, investigative and equipment costs for the TFO.

On May 21, 2009, DCI was informed that they had been approved to receive \$424,573.000 for the TFO position and associated costs.

No match requirements.