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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Candice M. Kane, Ph.D.

Executive Director

DATE: September 14, 1999

RE: Applications for Funding in 2000

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council is soliciting grant applications for funding of programs to reduce Motor Vehicle Theft in Illinois beginning in 2000. Applications are available by contacting Rich Novak at 312-793-8550 or via e-mail at rnovak@icjia.state.il.us.

Extension of the Council's enabling legislation to allow the Council to operate programs through 2003 and the expectation that funding would be level (at \$5.4 million per year) prompted the Council to authorize development of a 4-year strategy for 2000 to 2003. Thus, a critical part of the Council's deliberations regarding the Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy and funding of programs continues to revolve around the fact that costs associated with funded programs continue to increase while the amount of Trust Funds available for them remains constant. At its August 27th meeting the Council passed a resolution adopting the strategy, priority areas, funding areas and areas of greatest need.

The Council is asking interested parties to submit grant applications in accordance with the attached instructions. Potential grantees should develop a program proposal for up to the entire four-year term of the strategy, with budgets broken down annually. All potential grantees must explain how their program has or will impact the motor vehicle theft problem in their area and must demonstrate that the program will be conducted in the most cost-effective manner.

Applicants must develop a program that is consistent with the Council's strategy and must keep in mind the following points:

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- The source of funding for Trust Funds is fixed. Over the fouryear term, the Council expects to have approximately \$24 million available for grant programs. Recognition of this situation and creative approaches to budgeting are encouraged.
- The Council and its Grant Review Committee will carefully scrutinize programs for cost effectiveness.
- While the Council recognizes that "identity theft" is an area or concern for law enforcement, the Council believes that Trust Funds should not be used as the primary source of funding to investigate these crimes.
- Current grantees should not assume automatic funding for 2000-2003. Each program will have to justify its existence. Current grantees should discuss past performance as it relates to accomplishing the Council's stated goals and objectives and demonstrates cost effectiveness.
- Proposed budgets should be submitted at the absolute minimum level necessary to accomplish the specified goals and objectives, and which maximize the use of matching contributions.

This is a competitive process. Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Need/Scope of Problem
- Relationship of Proposed Approach to Stated Need/Problem
- Reasonableness of Objectives
- Reasonableness of Budget
- Capacity of Applicant to Successfully Complete Proposed Program.

Please note that the application is due in the Council's office by **5:00 p.m. on October 12, 1999**. Please call Rich Novak if you have any questions regarding the application process.