## ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL



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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director

SUBJECT: Applications for Funding in 2008-2011

DATE: August 20, 2007

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council announces the availability of funding for programs that focus on the prevention and reduction of auto theft in Illinois. All funding requests must be based on approved activities found in the Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy 2008-2011.

At its August 17, 2007 meeting the Council passed a resolution adopting the strategy, priority areas, funding areas and areas of greatest need. These are attached for your reference and should be used as a guide in developing grant applications. The entire strategy can be viewed at *www.icjia.state.il.us/mv*. A hard copy of the strategy also may be requested by e-mail, fax, phone or U.S. mail (see contact information below).

Potential grantees should develop a program proposal for 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:

- 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 and conservative approaches to budgeting are sought.
- While the Council recognizes that identity theft is an area of concern for law enforcement, the Council believes that Trust Funds should not be used as the primary source of funding to investigate these crimes.

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- Current grantees should not assume automatic funding for 2008-2011. Each program will have to justify further support by the Council. Current grantees should discuss past performance as it relates to accomplishing the Council's stated goals and objectives and demonstrate the cost effectiveness of its proposal.
- 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.
- The Council and its Grant Review Committee will carefully scrutinize programs for cost effectiveness

The Council reserves the right to reject or to suggest amendments any proposal if it is determined that the submission is not satisfactory or is not in the best interest of an equitable funding philosophy. The Council also reserves the right to invite applicants to resubmit amended proposals.

Proposals will be evaluated by members of the Council's Grant Review Committee 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.

Applications must be received by noon (12:00 P.M.), Friday, September 14, 2007. Facsimile transmissions are not acceptable. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must also present their program proposal before the Council's Grant Review Committee at a meeting scheduled for September 26-27, 2007. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of their scheduled proposal presentation.

Application instructions and application forms are attached. They are also available for download at www.icjia.state.il.us/mv.

Applications must be mailed or delivered to: Greg Stevens MVTPC Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1016 Chicago, IL 60606

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