

Crime Reduction Assistance Program

State Asset Forfeiture Grant - FY 2012 Legislative Update

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Program Background:

- In 2004, S.B. 175, *Protection of Private Lawfully Obtained Property*, established the Crime Reduction Assistance Program.
- The program is intended to fund crime prevention and law enforcement activities.
- The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) is responsible for the administration of the Crime Reduction Assistance Program.
- CCJJ developed the State Asset Forfeiture Grant program (SAFG) in order to deliver state forfeiture funds collected in the **Criminal Forfeiture Restricted Account (CFRA)**.

Basic Statutory Reporting Requirements Include:

The agency's name, the amount of the grant, the date of the grant, how the grant has been used, and a statement (grant application) signed by both the recipient agency's executive officer or designee and by the agency's legal counsel, that the agency has complied with all inventory, policy and reporting requirements and that all funds were used for crime reduction or law enforcement purposes. CCJJ shall report in writing to the legislative Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee annually.

The CFRA Account:

State and local law enforcement agencies are required by law to liquidate assets forfeited in state court and deposit the cash from those assets in the state Criminal Forfeiture Restricted Account. Since the beginning of the SAFG grant program in FY2005 through the end of FY2012 approximately \$4.7 million has been collected in the CFRA account. CCJJ has awarded approximately \$3.3 million in grants from the CFRA during the same time period. The difference between the amount collected and the amount awarded will be granted to Utah criminal justice agencies in FY2013.

FY 2012 SAFG Grant Awards:

CCJJ awards funding from the CFRA account to state and local criminal justice agencies in three purpose areas: 1) Drug Courts, 2) Drug & Crime Task Force projects, 3) Law Enforcement Competitive grants. Below is a summary of the projects funded from the CFRA for FY2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012):

1. **\$305,125** awarded to the Utah Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in support of Utah Drug Courts. In FY 2012 SAFG funding was used for treatment, case management, and drug testing for Utah Drug Courts throughout the State. The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health provides support for Adult Felony, Juvenile, and Family Dependency Drug Courts.
2. **\$0** no Crime Reduction Assistance Program funding was needed in FY2012 for task forces. All task force requests for funding were covered using State Criminal Surcharge Account funding and Federal Justice Assistance Grant funding.
3. **\$420,828** awarded to twenty-four state and local law enforcement agencies using a funding formula based on agency participation in the state forfeiture process. The current formula allows an agency to apply for a grant award equal to at least

1/3 of the amount of state forfeiture funding remitted to CCJJ over a twelve month collection period. Agencies not contributing funding to the CFRA during the collection period will not be eligible to participate in the SAFG program that year. The base award amount was set at \$5,000 in FY2012. Grant funding was used primarily to provide officer safety equipment, narcotics interdiction support, surveillance equipment, and to enhance crime scene investigation capabilities.

FY2012 Law Enforcement Support Grants Summary

Recipient Agency	\$	Purpose
American Fork City PD	\$5,000	Non-lethal ammunition, homicide detective training
Midvale City PD	\$5,000	Surveillance equip. - transmitter and camera
West Jordan City PD	\$6,400	Surveillance camera
West Valley City PD	\$33,295	Assault rifles and WVCPD lobby bulletproofing
Logan City PD	\$5,000	2 mobile data computers
Utah Dept. of Public Safety	\$176,000	SBI/Crime Lab equip; narcotics training;
Salt Lake City PD	\$19,473	surveillance/tracking
Helper City PD	\$5,000	Tracking equipment and narcotics training
Taylorsville City PD	\$5,000	Bulletproof vests and LIDAR unit
Sandy City PD	\$5,121	Surveillance equip. - night vision cameras
St. George City PD	\$15,000	Narcotics/detective training and CI funding
Unified Police Department	\$16,802	Non-lethal firearms, ammunition and training
Cache County Sheriff's Office	\$5,000	Interview room audio/video equip. and narcotics training
Millard County Sheriff's Office	\$4,650	Child safety training material
Tax Commission - MVED	\$2,049	In-car video/audio recording systems
Murray City PD	\$21,182	Vehicle tracking device
Orem City PD	\$10,000	Covert audio transmitter and receiving system
So. Salt Lake PD	\$4,785	Narcotics detection/patrol function K9 and training
Kane County Sheriff's Office	\$7,897	SWAT Team sniper/spotting scopes
Moab City PD	\$4,944	Funding to support local DARE program
Summit County Sheriff's Office	\$4,864	Narcotics prosecution training
Washington DCTF	\$5,000	Firearms training equipment
Davis Metro DCTF	\$25,294	800 MHz radios and supporting equipment
Weber/Morgan DCTF	<u>\$28,072</u>	Surveillance equipment; drug K9; colt assault rifles
Total	\$420,828	Narcotics officer training and CI funding

State Asset Forfeiture Collections in CFRA (FY2005 - 2012)

