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MAINE STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

Request for Pilot Project Applicants

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Announcement:

The State Board of Corrections (SBOC) is immediately seeking Maine county applicants interested in implementing an electronic monitoring pilot project in their county to reduce domestic violence through the use of technology, as directed by Public Law 227 (2013), and recommended by the Governor's 2012 Task Force to Reduce Domestic Violence through Technology. Currently existing programs which meet the scope of this request may submit a proposal to serve as a pilot project.

Overview:

34-A M.R.S 1807 establishes the Electronic Monitoring Fund within the Board of Corrections for the purpose of funding the use of electronic monitoring pursuant to Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (19) and Title 17-A, section 1204, subsection 2-A, paragraph N. Following the recommendation of the Governor's 2012 Task Force, Public Law 227 (2013) directed the SBOC to develop and implement an electronic monitoring pilot project. The Governor's Task Force recommended pilot projects in two locations in Maine, one rural and one urban, and charged the SBOC with oversight of the pilot projects. These pilot projects are the subject of this request.

Pilot Project Period:

The project is intended to last approximately six months, from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015, contingent upon funding needs and resources.

Pilot Project Eligibility Requirements:

1. Commitment of Sheriff, law enforcement agencies, and county stakeholders to reducing domestic violence through use of electronic monitoring;
2. Active High Risk Response Team within the county;
3. Use of domestic violence risk assessment by law enforcement,
4. Procurement of electronic monitoring bracelets with active GPS reporting and alert communication from same provider used by other pilot site(s);
5. Active alert communication directly to law enforcement,
6. Active and integrated pretrial services within the county;
7. Collaboration with domestic violence resource centers;
8. Participation of all communication centers within the county;
9. Data collection and reporting;
10. Compliance with Board of Corrections Pilot Project requirements and revisions;
11. Agree to reporting to Board of Corrections, as requested;
12. Timeline for implementation (first case assigned) by January 30, 2015.

Project Selection Criteria:

The following criteria will be considered when selecting one or more pilot project sites:

1. Scope and ease of implementation of plan for pilot project meeting the requirements listed above;
2. Timeline for pilot project implementation;
3. Existence and activity of a High Risk Response Team within the county;
4. Existence of active and integrated pretrial services within the county;
5. Existence and collaboration with domestic violence resource centers;
6. Participation of (or time needed to have) all communication centers within the county;

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7. Proposed pilot project budget, including start-up and on-going costs, requested FTE, and potential sources for continued funding;
8. Demonstrated plan/ability to gather and report the following data:
 - a. Program participants and related demographics and crime information,
 - b. Dates and duration of participation and success/failure,
 - c. Funding source of participant monitoring,
 - d. Progress reports and necessary alert or intervention reports, including false alarms
 - e. Statistics regarding county-wide domestic violence incident reports prior to the pilot project and during the pilot project,

Completed Project Applications:

Complete application packets shall include:

1. Implementation plan (addressing eligibility requirements),
2. Implementation timeline,
3. Project budget,
4. Letters of support.

Letters of Support:

Each project application must include a letter of support from each key stakeholder in the county needed for this project, communicating support for the pilot project, including, but not limited to:

1. Judiciary partners,
2. District Attorney partners,
3. Pre-trial service vendor (if applicable),
4. Domestic violence resource partners,
5. Communication centers,
6. Other law enforcement agencies within the county.

Administration of Funding:

The funding of one or more electronic monitoring pilot projects selected is contingent upon the funds available in the Electronic Monitoring Fund in addition to the budget of the pilot project. Pilot project sites are encouraged to seek or develop alternative funding sources. Available funding from the Board of Corrections is limited, with a total of \$36,000 currently available for pilot project funding. Funding of a pilot project may be discontinued immediately upon exhaustion of the available funds. As such, sites selected as pilot projects must avoid long-term contract commitments with the mutual electronic monitoring bracelet/service provider. Selection as a pilot project site does not commit the SBOC to reimbursing a county or agency for costs incurred in development and submission of the proposal.

Project Reporting Requirements:

Pilot project sites selected under this request agree to report to the SBOC, through its executive director, on-going program progress, updates, data-collection efforts, and financial status. Such reporting will occur, at a minimum, once per month, and as requested. Additional funding requests must demonstrate activities of the site in fulfilling the role of the pilot project, prior use of funds, and planned use of funds. The project site will appoint one liaison to report to the executive director during scheduled meetings.

Submission Deadline:

All proposals are due to Ryan Thornell, SBOC Executive Director, no later than 5:00pm (EST) on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.