

Solving Tips: A Guide to Reducing Crime and Disorder Through Problem-Solving Partnerships," or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. A copy of the application kit and "Problem-Solving Tips" also will be available in late April on the COPS Office web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. As part of the Clinton Administration's commitment to combat and prevent crime in and around America's schools, the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has a new grant program, School-Based Partnerships, designed to keep children safe by reducing school-related crime. This program, which complements the COPS Office's efforts to add 100,000 officers to our nation's streets and support innovative community policing, will help make schools safer for all children.

The School-Based Partnerships grant program will provide policing agencies with a unique opportunity to work with schools and community-based organizations to address persistent school-related crime problems. Applicants must focus on one primary school-related crime or disorder problem, occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school, such as: Drug dealing or use on school grounds, problems experienced by students on the way to and from school, assault/sexual assault, alcohol use or alcohol-related problems/DWI, threat/intimidation, vandalism/graffiti, loitering and disorderly conduct directly related to crime or student safety, disputes that pose a threat to student safety, or larceny.

The School-Based Partnerships program emphasizes problem analysis, a key component of problem solving, to help develop effective responses, including prevention and intervention efforts. For example, a problem analysis might show that 80 percent of the assaults on students at a particular school are committed by truant students with prior arrest records from other

schools. A comprehensive response to this problem might involve a collaborative effort among a team of social services personnel, school administrative staff, police and probation officers. This team might work together to change policies and improve communication to exert more control over the offenders and the problem behaviors. Similarly, other responses may include: Training students in conflict resolution, restorative justice/community justice initiatives, crime awareness/prevention programs, programs targeting likely victims and offenders at high-risk times, social service intervention programs, physical changes in the environment to reduce the problem, and school policy and procedural changes.

Applicants will use problem-solving methods to understand the causes of the problem; develop specific, tailor-made responses to that problem; and assess the impact of those responses. In order to help communities use creative problem solving to address school-related problems, this grant will fund resources such as: Computer technology; crime analysis personnel; the cost of conducting student surveys and victim/offender interviews; the cost of community organizers, school personnel and/or students involved in analyzing or coordinating the project; and training and technical assistance in collaborative problem solving. To complement this grant program, school resource officers may be hired through the COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grant program.

Although this grant program is focused on the careful analysis of a specific school-related crime problem, it is not intended to be overly complex or technical. Applicants are not expected to be experts in problem solving and crime analysis. Any organization concerned with school safety or crime issues is encouraged to participate in this program. Applicants that would like assistance in problem-solving techniques are encouraged to plan for such technical assistance in their project budgets.

This grant program is expected to be extremely competitive. A total of up to \$12,000,000 in funding will be available under the School-Based Partnerships program. A local match will not be required, although applicants are encouraged to contribute cash or in-kind resources to their proposed projects. An additional \$5.5 million will be available for further efforts under the School-Related Crime Prevention and Safety Initiative.

Grant funds must be used to supplement, and not supplant, state or

local funds that otherwise would be devoted to public safety activities.

All local, Indian tribal, school police departments (consisting of officers with sworn authority) and other public law enforcement agencies committed to community policing are eligible to apply. Law enforcement agencies must partner with either a specific school, school district, or a nonprofit organization. A partnership between a policing agency and a specific school is encouraged, but if such a partnership is not practical, a policing agency may partner with a nonprofit community group. A collaboration agreement outlining the conditions and benefits each participant will contribute to the project must be included in the application.

Law enforcement agencies (primary applicants) may submit only one application. Schools or community-based entities (secondary applicants) that apply as partners are expected to include student representatives in the project.

An award under the School-Based Partnership grant program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree in United States v. Northwest Development Company Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a Consent Decree in *United States v. Northwest Development Company*, No. 98-416HU (D. Ore.), has been entered into by the United States on behalf of U.S. EPA; Oregon on behalf of the Department of Environmental Quality; Northwest Development Company, an Oregon general partnership comprised of Mark Lanoue and Wallace Earl Downs, Sr.; Mark Lanoue and Christine Rollins Lanoue, as trustees for the Mark Lanoue Trust; and Wallace Earl Downs, Sr., and Deborah Phillips Downs, as trustees for the Wallace Earl Downs, Sr. Living Trust, and was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Oregon on April 2, 1998. The proposed

Consent Decree resolves certain claims of the United States and Oregon against the settling parties relating to the Northwest Pipe & Casing Site in Clackamas County, Oregon. Under the Decree, the settling parties will, *inter alia*, pay the United States \$200,000 plus interest.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Northwest Development Company*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-1557C. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, 888 S.W. 5th Ave., Suite 1000, Portland, OR 97204-2024; the Region 10 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202-624-0892). A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy of the proposed Consent Decree, please enclose a check in the amount of \$6.25 (25 cents per page for reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in *United States v. Union Oil Co.*, A97-397 CIV (JWS) (D. Alaska). The proposed Consent Decree settles claims asserted by the United States at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in a complaint filed on October

7, 1997. The United States filed its complaint pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b). The complaint requested the assessment of civil penalties and injunctive relief against defendant Union Oil Company of California d.b.a. Unocal ("Unocal") for the following: (1) Violations of the CAA's prevention of significant deterioration ("PSD") program as set forth in Part C of Title I, 42 U.S.C. 7471 *et seq.*, and in the regulations promulgated thereunder, 40 CFR 52.21; and (2) violations of conditions contained in state permit conditions issued under the federally enforceable Alaska State Implementation Plan. The United States alleges that the violations occurred in connection with the modification and operation of equipment at Unocal's ammonia and urea processing facility in Kenai, Alaska.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Unocal will pay to the United States a \$550,000 civil penalty. In addition, Unocal will spend more than \$6.6 million to install a Supplemental Environmental Project ammonia flare and scrubber system. Unocal also will monitor the combustion efficiency of its equipment and will perform specified injunctive relief to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Alaska State Implementation Plan.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Union Oil Co.*, DOJ #90-5-2-1-2079. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 10 Office of EPA, 7th Floor Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 624-0892. In requesting copies, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.50 (25 cents per page) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Request for Proposals for Comparative, Cross-National Crime Research Challenge Grants

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "NIJ Request for Proposals for Comparative, Cross-National Crime Research Challenge Grants."

DATES: Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business September 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

In its effort to support and encourage cross-national and interagency partnerships devoted to producing and utilizing comparative research on crime, the National Institute of Justice is soliciting proposals for research on crime and criminal behavior of a cross-national and comparative nature. NIJ intends to support up to five research challenge grants to U.S. based researchers to conduct the U.S. part of a comparative study, for a total of up to \$500,000. Each project supported by NIJ must have counterparts to conduct parallel research outside of the United States. These counterparts may be supported by the government agencies or departments, private non-profit organizations, or universities of other nations. In this way, it is anticipated that the first projects will initiate a new series of cross-national research partnerships.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "NIJ Request for