



STATE ASSET FORFEITURE GRANT PROGRAM

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ISSUE BRIEF

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 (SAFG)** program 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 first half of FY2012 approximately \$5.5 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 on roughly \$3.3 million in appropriation authority. An increase in appropriation authority will be necessary in order for the grant program to keep pace with increasing law enforcement deposits to the CFRA. The following table reflects the dollar value of CFRA deposits, SAFG grants awarded by CCJJ and Legislative appropriation authority by Utah Fiscal Year:

Fiscal Year	CFRA Deposits by FY	SAFG Grant Awards by FY	Appropriation Authority by FY
FY 2005	\$43,159	\$0	\$0
FY 2006	\$286,369	\$0	\$0
FY 2007	\$417,483	\$198,593	\$300,000
FY 2008	\$484,451	\$492,018	\$500,000
FY 2009	\$661,301	\$274,706	\$500,000
FY 2010	\$1,233,709	\$724,724	\$500,000
FY 2011	\$1,578,427	\$914,377	\$820,000
FY 2012	\$785,695*	\$729,247	\$750,000
Total	\$5,490,621	\$3,333,665	\$3,370,000

**CFRA funds collected for FY 2012 reflect only the first half of the fiscal year.*

FY 2011 SAFG Grant Awards:

Each year, 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 an example of how funds were awarded from the CFRA in FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011):

1. **\$317,000** awarded to the Utah Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in support of Utah Drug Courts. In FY 2011 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. **\$204,802** awarded to the Davis and Utah County multi-jurisdictional drug and crime task force projects in FY 2011. Utah has Seventeen multi-jurisdictional drug and crime task force projects operating through out the state this year. In addition to SAFG funds, other state and federal grant resources are allocated in support of Utah task force projects.
3. **\$427,320** awarded to twenty-five 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 1/3 of the amount of state forfeiture funding remitted to CCJJ over a twelve month period. The base award amount was set at \$7,500 in FY 2011. Grant funding was used to provide officer safety equipment, narcotics interdiction support, surveillance equipment, and to enhance crime scene investigation capabilities.

FY 2011 Law Enforcement Support Grants Summary

Recipient Agency	\$	Purpose
American Fork City PD	\$7,307	Surveillance equip. - body bug, firearms, training
Midvale City PD	\$7,272	Surveillance equip. - transmitter and camera
West Jordan City PD	\$25,774	Forensic software, night-vision, pole camera
West Valley City PD	\$29,368	Surveillance equip. - snake camera, firearms, training
Logan City PD	\$7,500	Surv. equip., safe storage for SWAT breaching explosives
Utah Dept. of Public Safety	\$46,612	SBI/Crime Lab equip. - digital microscopes, training
Salt Lake City PD	\$30,180	Tracking equip., training, CI funding
Helper City PD	\$19,891	Mobile license plate reader
Taylorsville City PD	\$13,079	Surveillance equip. - night vision, cameras
Sandy City PD	\$12,185	Surveillance equip., breaching ram, training, CI funding
St. George City PD	\$7,500	800 mhz radio equipment
Ogden City PD	\$24,992	Surveillance equip., mobile printers, training
Unified Police Department	\$28,767	Narcotics investigation training
Cottonwood Heights City PD	\$15,457	Live-scan fingerprinting equipment
Lindon City PD	\$7,475	Forensic equip. – cameras, alternate light, recording device
Millard County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500	In-car video systems
Tax Commission - MVED	\$7,496	GPS vehicle tracking equipment
Murray City PD	\$8,553	GPS vehicle tracker, pinhole surveillance camera
Orem City PD	\$7,500	Wireless phone data extraction equipment and software
So. Salt Lake PD	\$7,500	CSI equip., covert microphone for surveillance
Spanish Fork City PD	\$7,465	CSI equipment trailer
Cache/Rich DCTF	\$7,500	Surveillance equip., ammunition safe storage, training
Central Utah DCTF	\$7,500	Surveillance equipment – cameras
Davis Metro DCTF	\$64,821	Surv. equip. - plate reader, cameras, ballistic vests, training
Weber/Morgan DCTF	<u>\$18,126</u>	Task force vehicle fuel and CI funding
Total	<u>\$427,320</u>	