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Training and Technology Grants

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is pleased to announce that Texas Crime Stoppers is providing funds to eligible Crime Stoppers programs for CJD sponsored training scholarships and technology purchases. As you know, CJD previously paid for lodging and some meals for participants of Crime Stoppers Conferences. In the interest of greater fairness, we have begun a new program where all certified programs will be provided with a \$5,000 allocation. Southwest Texas State University (SWT) will administer these funds which will be available from August 2000 through July 2001. We anticipate continuing this program next year. However, the amount anticipated for next year is \$3,500 per certified program, which will be for training only. Since most campus Crime Stoppers programs are not eligible for this program, CJD will continue to pay for all lodging costs during the Annual Campus Conferences. SWT will contact all eligible programs with further details.

Crime Stoppers Training

In an effort to dedicate more time and attention to Crime Stoppers training, the Governor's Criminal Justice Division has awarded a Training and Technology grant to SWT's Institute of Criminal Justice Studies (ICJS) to coordinate statewide/regional training projects and provide technical assistance to local programs. A coordinating board made up of representatives from the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, the Crime Stoppers Association, Southwest Texas State University and the Governor's Crime Stoppers office will assist in coordinating the grant activities. SWT will utilize a Training Committee to evaluate and meet the training needs of Crime Stoppers programs across the state. Also ICJS, with the assistance of a manual workgroup, will review and revise the current Crime Stoppers manual. Upon completion, the manual will be distributed to all programs.

A new training committee will be formed to work on the overall training needs for conferences and regional trainings. Those interested in being considered, please send a letter of interest to CJD.

Future conferences are as follows:
2001 Campus-Amarillo, Texas
2001 Annual-Abilene, Texas
2002 Annual- South Padre, Texas

New Website

The Texas Crime Stoppers program has developed a website for all Crime Stoppers programs in the state. This website provides a workshop section for Crime Stoppers practitioners to communicate with each other on important information regarding programs, services and funding sources. Visit the new website at www.crimestoppers.swt.edu.

Job Opportunities

Any person who may be interested in being considered for a paid position associated with the Crime Stoppers training grant to Southwest Texas State University, please call George Landry at (512) 245-3030 for further details.

Crime Stoppers Conferences

We are pleased to announce that approximately 400 people attended the 12th Annual Crime Stoppers Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas on May 15-17, 2000. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

Host A Conference!

The Governor's Crime Stoppers Advisory Council is accepting bids from certified Crime Stoppers programs interested in hosting a conference. Please submit letters of support from your Board of Directors and the local Convention and Visitor's Bureau. All bids will be presented to the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council who will make the final selection.

Campus 2002, 2003 and Annual 2003 conferences are up for bid for any interested programs.

Send all bids to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.