IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES PROGRAM

- The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (ICJR Program), formerly known as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Program), is designed to encourage partnerships among state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated seriously, requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system and community-based victim service providers.

- The ICJR Program challenges communities to work collaboratively to identify problems and share ideas that will result in effective responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. A coordinated community response that brings together effective partners from the local government including law enforcement agencies, prosecutors’ offices and courts, nonprofit organizations, and population specific organizations is critical to the ICJR Program.

- Eligible applicants are states and territories, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, state, local, tribal, and territorial courts, victim service providers, state and tribal coalitions, and government rape crisis centers.

- In 2018, the ICJR Program gave out 54 awards, totaling over $32 million.

- Once posted, the solicitation to apply for this program can be found on OVW’s website here: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations. Members of the public can also sign up for notifications on that website, and grant announcements are posted to OVW’s Twitter at twitter.com/OVWJustice.

- This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §§ 10461-10465.

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