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To: Kevin Ott
Subject: RE: Grand Rapids PD- DWI Officer inquiry

Hi Kevin,

Yes, I'm excited to have your agency apply. I know Director Hanson will be thrilled to have coverage in your area, but I'll wait to tell him until I see your application has begun.

This project started in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (FFY15), so that would be the fall of 2014. Twelve agencies were originally selected and remained that number until I assumed oversight during FFY18. Since 2018, the project expanded to 35 awarded grants in FFY24, although two agencies were not able to fulfill their responsibilities due to staffing and IOD. I have been keeping extensive data on the project that shows an incredible improvement on the overall crash data related to impaired driving. By focusing on these select agencies and providing for focused and sustained impaired enforcement, statewide there was a 35% reduction in impaired driving crashes from 2022 to 2023.

Of the original 12 agencies, three remain. The other nine have discontinued participation due to various reasons, mostly related to staffing. I say mostly, because one agency was Minneapolis PD and their administration decided to discontinue participation following the Floyd death. Historically, only one agency had the grant terminated. The termination was due to lack of communication with OTS following failure to submit required reporting documents. Since I assumed this role, every agency with a grant that has applied the following FFY has been awarded another grant.

Funding for FFY25 will allow for about 36 agencies be awarded grants. There are four current grantees that are not going to apply for FFY5. I expect to be able to award grants to at least 5 new agencies. So far, there is only one new agency that has applied. If a new agency comes in to this project and produces as expected in their work plan, I will keep supplying funding.

As I mentioned on the phone, this project is working and is not going away. Minnesota is the only state in the country with this project, which is why I am presenting at two, perhaps four, national conferences within the next year.

Let me know if you need any other information.

Thank you,

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