Oklahoma District Attorneys Council Federal Grants Division

2016 Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Grant Award

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) is a penalty against the Justice Assistance Grant if the state is not in compliance with the comprehensive set of minimum standards for sex offender registration and notification. SORNA seeks to close the potential gaps and loopholes that existed under prior laws and generally strengthen the nationwide network of sex offender registration and notification programs.

In 2016, \$137,522.00 was awarded to further compliance with SORNA in Oklahoma.

2016 SORNA Recipients

| Award Recipient | Location | Amount Awarded |
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| Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) | Oklahoma | \$137,522.00 |

Grant funds will be used to complete the development of the new sex offender registration system which has already improved the public facing web site, allowed the addition of geographic searches, given field offices and local law enforcement the ability to add and update registration information locally, and added the ability for public users to receive updated information regarding a specific offender's registration information by email. Funds will pay the salaries of temporary employees who will be scanning paper files and performing quality checks on the electronic versions of the documents before destroying the paper files. To aid in this endeavor, 7 additional computers, one additional scanner, and replacement roller kits for the scanners will be purchased with the grant funds.