

**Oklahoma District Attorneys Council  
Federal Grants Division**

**FY 2006 Anti-Gang Initiative Awards**

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- *The Tulsa Police Department has documented over 500 gang sets and more than 4,000 certified gang members in the Tulsa area.*
- *The target area for the Anti-Gang Initiative will focus on the City of Tulsa, with an emphasis on North Tulsa where there is a chronic gang problem and East Tulsa where there is an emerging gang problem.*
- *Seven of the fifteen murders committed in January and February 2006 were gang-related, a figure that equals or exceeds the total gang-related murders for 2000 through 2002.*

**Congressional District 1**

<u><i>Award Recipient</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Award Amount</i></u>
<b>Tulsa County District Attorneys Office</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>\$72,572.00</b>

*Grant funds will be used to provide the salary for a Director of Gang Crime Prosecution. This position will dedicate 100% time to the prosecution of crimes committed by gang members and affiliates and coordinates with federal prosecution and local law enforcement to ensure a uniform and comprehensive approach.*

<b>Tulsa County Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>\$50,710.00</b>
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*Grant funds will be used to provide the salary and benefits for a Tulsa County Sheriff's Deputy who will serve as the Gang Task Force's Gang Analyst.*

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- *The African-American gang activity in the Eastern District has been eclipsed by the Mexican (Cartel) gangs who are extremely sophisticated, highly organized, and frequently run drugs from Mexico into Oklahoma and surrounding states.*
- *In March 2006, U.S. Attorney Sheldon Sperling announced the indictment and arrest of over one hundred (100) people on drug-related charges in South Central Oklahoma and Northern Texas. This investigation, called the 700 Ranch Roundup, revealed only in part the magnitude and level of sophistication of gang-related drug dealers in Oklahoma.*

**Congressional District 2**

<b><i>Award Recipient</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Awarded</i></b>
<b>District Attorney's Office District 25</b>	<b>Okmulgee</b>	<b>\$88,684.00</b>

*Grant funds will be used to pay for a District Attorney Investigator who will review of law enforcement referrals for federal firearm-related violent crime and gang and drug prosecutions. The investigator will coordinate and collaborate with the U.S. Attorney's Office and local law enforcement to share information and strategies regarding firearm-related violent crime, gang-related crime, and individual gang member activity at the monthly meetings.*

<b>Northeastern State University</b>	<b>Tahlequah</b>	<b>\$3,169.00</b>
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*Grant funds will be used for a Research Analyst who will be responsible for coordinating and inputting of firearm-violent crime data, as it relates to drug and gang activity. Northeastern State University will be responsible for coordinating educational efforts and conducting an independent evaluation of the program.*

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- *According to the Oklahoma City Police Department, 87 different gangs are currently operating in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. More than 3,780 members have been documented.*
- *There has been a dramatic increase in the number of drive-by shootings in Oklahoma City. In 2003, there were 65 drive-by shootings. In 2004, there were 129 drive-by shootings, a 100% increase from 2003. In 2005, there were 260 drive-by shootings, again double the amount from the previous year.*

**Congressional District 5**

<b><i>Award Recipients</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Awarded</i></b>
<b>Crimestoppers</b> <i>Grant funds will be used to promote an anti-gang message to the general public through radio spots and bus benches in the high crime hotspot areas.</i>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>City of Oklahoma City</b> <i>Grant funds will be used for a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. Funds will be used to pay the salary and benefits of a full time Community Resource Specialist who will work with the Oklahoma County Truancy Court, Oklahoma County District Attorney's Thrive Program, Oklahoma City Public Schools, the Weed and Seed Program and other partner agencies to assist truant youth and their families in solving issues facing both the youth and the family. Funds will also be used to provide 1250 man hours to support of the overtime pay for officers to patrol within the Weed and Seed areas as well as other high crime, high gang activity areas. Funds will also support the Graffiti Removal Program operated by the Oklahoma City Police Department. The City of Oklahoma City a NIBIN data entry position who will be responsible for entering necessary ballistics data related to firearms into the NIBIN Information System.</i>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>\$150,707.00</b>