



FY 18 Stone Garden Grant

Operation Stone Garden FY 2018

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- Federal grant funding provided to local law enforcement agencies to combat human/drug trafficking and associated crimes.
- Recurring every year, differing amounts for overtime and equipment.

Benefits:

- Increase proactive enforcement/patrol without negatively affecting scheduling.
- Increase proactive enforcement/patrol with minimal impact on general fund.
- Provides ability, with minimal cost to general fund, to meet our goal of 24/7 coverage.
- Most important, provides a higher quality of service to the citizens of Cochise County by enabling CCSO to specifically deal with ongoing crimes and issues associated to the border. Provides overtime to pay for extra targeted area details



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- SG is a reimbursement grant that pays employee related expense (ERE) costs including:
 - Public Safety Retirement
 - Workmen's Comp
 - Social Security Taxes (includes FICA)
- Beneficial to PSPRS
- Beneficial to the economy of Cochise County



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- Cochise County was awarded \$570,000.00 in Overtime and Mileage to participate in Operation Stone Garden FY 2018.
- This is \$130,000.00 less than amount the Sheriff's Office received last year under this grant due to our "burn rate", (overtime monies spent per month under this funding source).



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- The Cochise County Sheriff's Office was also awarded \$917,052.00 to purchase equipment under the FY 2018 Operation Stone Garden grant. The purchased equipment will greatly assist the Sheriff's Office in providing services to the citizens of Cochise County.



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Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Simulcast Repeater Site

- The Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is requesting funding through Operation Stone Garden to purchase a Simulcast Repeater Site, with all associated equipment, to further enhance communications capabilities between all law enforcement agencies with in Cochise County.
- CCSO has built a 700 MHz, digital, P25 truck radio system at eleven tower sites throughout Cochise County. Sierra Vista Police Department has participated in this process. To provide county wide coverage, there needs to be another simulcast repeater site developed at on the east boundary of Fort Huachuca which is the west boundary for the City of Sierra Vista. In this boundary area, there is already a tower that can be used for the development of a simulcast repeater. Adding a simulcast repeater site will enhance the existing 700MHz, digital, P25 trunked radio system in Cochise County.



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Simulcast Repeater Site

- The 700 MHz, digital, P25 truck radio system, is capable of AES Encryption. Sierra Vista Police Department and U.S. Marshalls Service (Arizona) are already using the 700 MHz trunked system. This radio system is capable of networking with other State and Federal radio systems. Due to the radio coverage being provided by this radio system, Border Patrol or other Federal agencies could easily program their radios for use on this system. It will greatly enhance their coverage area throughout Cochise County including the border regions and provide much needed coverage the ability for federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to communicate via radio. The total cost of this project is \$617,052.00.
- The US Border Patrol within Cochise County was contacted and advised of this project. The US Border Patrol approves of the purchasing of this equipment and the completion of this project through this funding source.



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License Plate Readers

- Criminal syndicates operating in Mexico that are familiar with traditional law enforcement and border patrol operations and as a result they are known to employ innovative methods to traffic illicit contraband and smuggle illegal immigrants cross the International Border.
- The Cochise County Sheriff's Office has applied for eight license plate readers. Our intention is to deploy this equipment along prime roadways prone to invoke illegal activity and utilize this technology to uncover vehicles and/or "persons of interest" transporting narcotics, undocumented aliens, weapons or illegal proceeds from Mexico into the United States or vice versa.



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License Plate Reader

- Through diligence and strict enforcement along potential avenues of entry or major thoroughfares the sheriff's office will attempt to close those corridors utilized by criminals or terrorists whose purpose is to disrupt national security, inflict injury or perpetrate unlawful acts against the United States or upon the citizens of Cochise County. These license plate readers will aid greatly toward accomplishing this goal.
- In utilizing this equipment, CCSO will share the images and intelligence gained from the requested purchased equipment with our federal and state partners. The information sharing from this project will further aid in our efforts to secure or border and to make our communities safer. The total cost of this project is \$300,000.00.



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Deployments

- The Cochise County Sheriff's Office deploys deputies in support of Operation Stone Garden 7 days a week.
- Deputies are required to contact either the Brian Terry Border Patrol Station (Naco), Douglas Border Patrol Station or the Willcox Border Patrol Station to check on duty and received an assignment within those stations Area of Responsibility (AOR).
- Deputies also participate in Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (ACTT) Operations with our federal partners and other local agencies where funds from this grant pay for the overtime and mileage.



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Deployments Cont.

- Stone Garden operations/deployments allow the Sheriff's Office to put more deputies on the road in high traffic areas and remote areas we normally are not able to regularly patrol due to low staffing levels.
- Stone Garden deployments allows CCSO to schedule up to 10 additional deputies a day county wide to augment normal patrol shifts in providing services to the citizens of Cochise County.



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FY 2016 Year End Statistical Data

- Traffic Stops: 6916
- Citations: 1599
- Felony Arrests: 167
- Misdemeanor Arrests: 321
- Marijuana Seized: 5,800.519 pounds
- Cocaine Seized: 13.05 grams
- Methamphetamine Seized: 1.93 ounces
- Heroin Seized: 8.13 ounces
- Illegal Aliens: 90
- Recovered Stolen Vehicles: 5
- Seized Vehicles: 10
- Weapons/Ammunition Seized: 7 weapons/4000 rounds of 7.62 ammunition



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FY 2017 Year End Statistical Data



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Economic Benefits

- Direct effect: The initial spending or investment on activity, which reflects the initial impact to the economy. The direct effect is usually close to or exactly the expenditure associated with the economic event which in this case is the utilized portion of the Stone Garden grant in each year.
- Induced effect: Additional spending that results from changes in wage expenditures. In other words, employees working that receive Stone Garden overtime will likely spend their higher wages at an assortment of businesses and suppliers of goods and services. To meet the increased demand for those goods and services, the business, in turn, will either hire more workers or increase wages to keep up with the Stone Garden-driven demand.



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\$570,000.00 allocated to Cochise County

\$40,000.00 to be used for mileage

\$205,000.00 used for employee related expenses (ERE)

- Which includes PSPRS, FICA and Workmen's comp

\$325,000.00 actual overtime payment to be received by the deputies



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Initial direct increase in deputy overtime pay (input)	\$325,000
Indirect and induced earnings	\$48,100
Total change in earnings (direct, indirect, and inducted)	\$373,100
Direct, indirect, and induced resultant household spending	\$185,500
Tax Revenue	\$22,700
Cochise County	\$4,400
Municipalities (combined)	\$7,900
School Districts (combined)	\$9,400
Special Districts (combined)	\$1,000



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- As for the long-term unfunded liability, it would likely affect mostly just those who plan to retire in the next 3 years.
- CCSO currently has five employees who could fall under this category who work Operation Stone Garden.
- CCSO currently has twenty six employees who have less than ten years of service who work Operation Stone Garden.



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Economic Benefits –Additional Considerations

- Stone Garden will affect the tax revenue for the County and other taxing authorities.
- Potentially lower crime rates and cost savings derived from lower crimes rates related to the additional border security investment funded by Stone Garden.
- Higher property values and incremental business investment and attractiveness related to lower crime rates and increased perception of community safety.