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Illinois Attorney General's Office
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Re: Organized Retail Crime Grant Letter of Intent

This letter is to formally request organized retail crime grant funding to combat retail crime in the Village of Willowbrook. Willowbrook is home to many retail establishments in small to medium size shopping centers. With Willowbrook's close proximity to interstates and Illinois Route 83, we have seen a rise in organized retail crime. Many of these incidents have involved organized criminals with aggressive tactics putting the general public at risk.

The Village of Willowbrook Police Department is very interested in participating in the Illinois Organized Retail Crime Task Force and applying for grant funds. We believe that we closely align with the goals of the program and can provide a significant contribution to the efforts as follows:

1. Enhance collaboration
 - a. Willowbrook PD has participated in numerous collaborative law enforcement efforts in the area of gangs, drug distribution, and crime prevention.
 - b. Willowbrook PD continues to find opportunities to participate in area focused saturation efforts to target in-progress crime in the region.
2. Enhance ongoing investigations in organized retail crime.
 - a. Willowbrook PD will be excellently positioned to significantly enhance collaborative efforts with law enforcement agencies.
3. Provide training to law enforcement and prosecution teams
 - a. Willowbrook PD can and will assist or lead in the investigation and prosecution of organized retail crimes.
4. Support overtime for law enforcement
 - a. Willowbrook PD has significant need for this program and the funding support to the mission in investigations of organized retail crime in both the home agency of officers and in collaboration with the Attorney General's Organized Retail Crime Task Force.
5. Funding priorities
 - a. Willowbrook PD has reviewed the funding priorities and believe that our department capabilities align well with the funding priorities of the Organized Retail Crime Task Force.
 - b. Willowbrook PD would utilize grant funding for the following:
 - i. Fifteen Mobile Pro Sentry Cameras which can be integrated into a FUSUS Virtual Real Time Crime Center - \$150,000
 - ii. Starchase Handheld GPS Launcher - \$7,000
 - iii. One marked and fully outfitted squad car - \$70,000
 - iv. One unmarked fully outfitted squad car - \$70,000
 - v. Targeted overtime for investigations and saturated patrol - \$65,000

I greatly appreciate consideration for these grant funds which would assist us to further organized retail theft policing efforts.