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Brown County Seeks Applicants for Crime Prevention Funding
Non-Profit Organizations, Law Enforcement, Schools Eligible for Grant Money

(Brown County, Wis.) - Brown County's Crime Prevention Funding Board is looking for applicants for available grant funding to help support existing crime prevention programs and for the implementation of new programs aimed at preventing crime.

"Crime prevention measures like these programs can significantly reduce crime while being much more cost-effective than traditional means," says board member and County Executive Troy Streckenbach. "It's important we all do our part to help Brown County continue to be a safe and successful place to live, work, and play."

"The purpose of the grant is to promote new or emerging ideas, programs, processes, and those kinds of things that use the most powerful tool in the criminal justice system, and that is prevention," says board member and De Pere Police Chief Derek Beiderwieden. "The community benefits because a dollar spent today will save about 10 dollars in future criminal justice costs."

One example of utilizing this grant funding was by the MacArthur Heights Neighborhood Association. Vice President Tammy Deppe says that security is the top concern and priority among residents, so they purchased Ring video doorbells for households to buy at a discount. "We have Ring doorbells on every street in our neighborhood because of this program," says Deppe. "There was an incident right down the road from me where a Ring doorbell captured footage of someone trying to break into that home. That person was identified because of the pictures."

Another positive example from these grants was from Bay Port High School. Counselor for Alternative Programming Kelly Mierow says they plan to use their funding for the "Every 15 Minutes" program. "Bay Port has been doing this program for the past 15 years until our funding grant from the state ran out," says Mierow. "I firmly believe in this program, which has wide community support. It is beneficial to bring awareness to the issue of drinking and driving under the influence."

Qualified applicants include private non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools, and school districts operating in Brown County. Grant funds should not be used to supplant funds from an organization's operating budget. To learn more and apply, go to:

<https://www.browncountywi.gov/government/committees/crime-prevention-funding-board/>.

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