**WAI Grant**

**About**

The Wisconsin Association for Identification is a professional organization dedicated to supporting members of law enforcement, property managers, evidence technicians, and the scientific community.

The WAI is committed to providing our members with the tools and support they need to excel in their respective fields. This grant is being established to provide a one-time gift of financial support toward the purchase of much needed equipment and resources to serve the community better!

**Eligibility**

All applicants must be:

* An employee of a law enforcement agency operating in the State of Wisconsin
* A Representative of the law enforcement agency must have attended at least two previous WAI conferences AND
* A Representative of the law enforcement agency must have been a member of the WAI for the entire year prior to the current grant cycle.

**What we do NOT fund**

* Funds will not be awarded to individuals
* Reoccurring expenses such as those associated with subscription-based purchases
* Purchase of equipment, PPE, or supplies that are not directly related to the evidence function of a police department

**Grant Award Details**

Typically grants up to $1000

* Supports the purchase of needed equipment or supplies for the Forensic or Property Management function at a law enforcement agency.
* Does not need to fund the entirety of the project (funds can be used in conjunction with department funds for the purchase of an item).
* Application must be completed and submitted by a representative, who has permission on behalf of the organization, to present the request and needs of a group or community.
* Multiple applications may be submitted; However, organizations can only receive funding on one project per year.
* The WAI Grant develops and supports initiatives brought forward by law enforcement agencies to fill financial limitations that may hinder a community from obtaining resources or doing projects of need.
* The WAI Grant subject to the availability of funding, will provide a limited number of project funds to improve services offered by organizations and help provide funding to projects and tools that may not be possible to obtain without this funding.
* The number of awards and total distribution amounts will be determined based on the fund committee reviewer’s evaluation of the applications submitted in consideration of funds available and approved qualified applicants for that year.
* The fund committee will determine the number of recipients and amounts each year, based upon the financial ability of the fund and the number of qualified applicants.
* The grant will be awarded at the recommendations of the fund committee. The Fund committee will present their decision to the full board of directors with final approval by majority vote of the board. All decisions are final.
* Recipients MUST provide proof of purchase for the approved supplies or equipment within ONE YEAR of the award date.

**Application Timeline**

June 1st – January 31st Annually

Decisions will be announced at the Annual Educational Seminar

**Final Report**

Recipients MUST provide proof of purchase for the approved supplies or equipment within ONE YEAR of the award date.

**WAI Annual Grant Application**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Years attended WAI Conferences: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current WAI Member (if different from Contact): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence budget allocation of last fiscal year: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to the following questions in a separate document.**

1. Proposal Summary

The Proposal Summary should include the project title, information on the amount of funding requested (not to exceed $1000), and a general description for the use of the funds.

1. Organization Description

Organization Description may include the history of the department, its mission, goals, structure, and how the organization is an appropriate

recipient.

1. Project Description

Project Description will vary in length depending on the scope of project and size of request. This should describe the problem this organization is looking to solve. It should be able to provide clear reasoning for why this is a need and the impact they are estimating it will achieve.

1. Project Timeline and Budget

Provide an estimation of a project timeline, from start to completion.

**Completed applications can be sent to *(FinancialAwards@thewai.org)***