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ARIZONA DISPOSITION REPORTING
SYSTEM

Quarterly Project Report

Report Period October 1, 2007—December 31, 2007

Arizona Disposition Reporting System (ADRS)

**Second Legislative Quarterly Progress Report
October 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**



The following information is submitted to meet the quarterly legislative report requirement for the two-year \$1.7 million dedicated to support the Arizona Disposition Reporting System (ADRS). The first report previously submitted included historical information on the 67 percent completeness rate of Arizona's criminal history records and the vital need to automate the process. The lack of completeness of criminal history records presents a public safety issue from an officer's first contact with a suspect, to information needed for initial appearance decisions, eligibility decisions for firearm possession, and background checks. The need for complete criminal history information impacts all aspects of the criminal justice process.

The Arizona Disposition Reporting System is part of the strategic integrated justice plan for the state of Arizona. The goal of the system is to improve the reporting of disposition and sentencing information from law enforcement and justice agencies throughout the state by expanding automation for reporting which, at this time, is primarily done through a manual process.

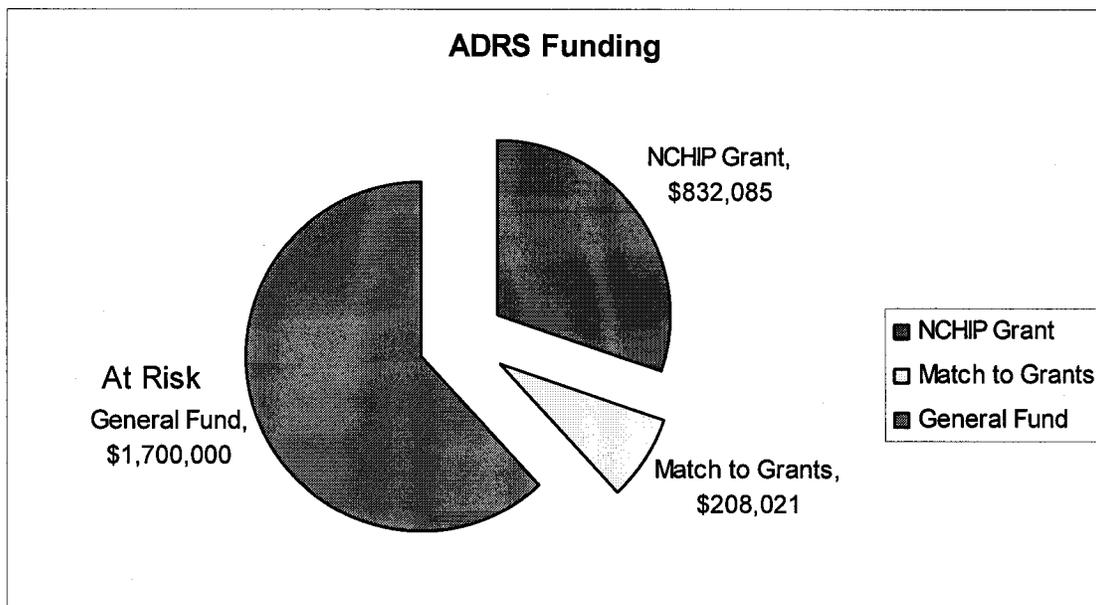
Activities in Progress:

The ADRS project is a multi-year, multi-agency initiative with dedicated funding utilized from federal grants along with individual agency, municipal and county contributions to the system development in addition to the legislative funding designated in FY08 and FY09. In November 2007, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission received correspondence from the Senate and House Appropriations Chairs notifying agencies that the Joint Appropriations Committee would be meeting to discuss proposed solutions for addressing the nearly \$1 billion budget deficit. Documents attached to the letter indicated specific line item projects that would be considered for reduction. The letter also stated that agencies could be held accountable for decisions made to ignore the state's fiscal crisis. Funding for the ADRS project was included on the JLBC and chairman's budget reduction list.

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Department of Public Safety have taken the position to place a hold on the spending of legislative funds

for the ADRS project until final budget reductions are approved by the Legislature or the ADRS project is removed from the budget reduction options list.

Funding dedicated from federal grants and the state legislature are shown below. Individual agency investments not shown on the chart have been made by the Administrative Office of the Courts, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County and Pinal County criminal justice agencies.



Progress since Last Report:

- **Completed:** Detailed budget and project plans for the hardware, software, contractual services and personnel to be hired for the development, testing and implementation of the system were completed.

Goals for Next Quarter:

- **Waiting Approval:** Refinement of the Project Investment Justification document was completed and forwarded to the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) and is waiting approval.
- **On Hold:** Equipment hardware and software for the ADRS system was ordered but delivery cancelled due to the project hold in response to Appropriation Committee's budget reduction proposal to address the state's fiscal crisis.
- **On Hold:** New hire solicitations were initiated for the positions dedicated to the system development, testing and implementation. Hiring process has been placed on hold in response to the Appropriations Committee budget reduction proposal to address the state's fiscal crisis.
- **Ongoing:** Meetings continue with criminal justice stakeholders to refine project implementation details and to discuss project risks due to funding holds proposed to address the state's fiscal crisis.
- **Continued:** Phase II development for system enhancements continues for the tracking and report generation efficiencies.
- **On Hold:** Programming for Phase II and the additional system alerts and change capabilities has been placed on hold in response to the Appropriations Committee budget reduction proposal to address the state's fiscal crisis.
- **On Hold:** Planning and scheduling for implementation of data exchanges among agencies has been placed on hold in response to the Appropriations Committee budget reduction proposal to address the state's fiscal crisis.
- **On Hold:** Development of marketing plan for additional agency roll-outs has been placed on hold in response to the Appropriations Committee budget reduction proposal to address the state's fiscal crisis.

The ability to exchange information through the ADRS will improve the quality of justice and public safety by eliminating errors from redundant data entry, provide timely access to critical information and improve the consistency and reliability of information at key decision points. Development of a uniform, computerized statewide system like ADRS will address Arizona's critical need to improve the completeness of criminal history records.

Withdrawal of legislative funding designated to ADRS would be crippling to the success of the project and to the commitments already made by the criminal justice community stakeholders.

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