

Objective Four

The final objective for this goal was to *aggressively seek out federal, state, local, and private opportunities to enhance the Department's operations*. Federal and federal-through-state grant funding has enabled the Department to acquire equipment, supplies, and training for efficient and effective law enforcement, such as:

- Crime Laboratory Improvement Program
- Children's Justice Act grant to reduce violence against children and to support activities conducted by the Department's Child Abuse Unit and the Department of Social Services. Equipment was purchased to reduce secondary victimization and to effectively gather evidence and improve investigations to enhance prosecution.
- Violence Against Women Act grant to purchase equipment (digital cameras and printers) to enhance evidence for prosecution. Special equipment was also purchased to track suspects for stalking and repeated threats.
- MDOT grant to enhance pro-active traffic enforcement and provide education and awareness to the public to reduce injuries and death on the highways.
- Preparedness for anti-terrorism measures to equip officers with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and six quick-fill air bottles and facemasks to enable officers to respond safely and effectively.

State funds were used to support the C-SAFE (formerly HotSpots) program in the targeted communities of Brooklyn Heights and Pioneer City. Funds were used to provide overtime for enforcement and to help defray costs for environmental improvements to enhance the safety of these communities.

State grant funding has also enabled the Department to acquire equipment, supplies, and training for many purposes necessary for efficient and effective law enforcement such as:

- Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) program.
- Teen Court
- Reducing the use of firearms through the Cease Fire Firearms Reduction Program using overtime enforcement to reduce robberies.
- Conducting traffic stops for failing to stop for school buses through the School Bus Enforcement Program
- Fund the eighth consecutive year of the CID Auto Theft Unit's "Vehicle Theft Prevention, Education, and Recovery" (VIPER) program which promotes awareness and education regarding auto theft prevention, thereby enhancing the investigative efforts.
- Implemented the RAAM (Reduce Alcohol Availability to Minors) to reduce access and use of alcohol by juveniles.
- Perdue Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of Oxycontin, provided funds for drug diversion to the Narcotics Section.