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Wilmington and Dover Weed and Seed Sites Receive Grant Award

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly announced today that the Community Capacity Office of the United States Department of Justice awarded \$225,000 grants each to the Wilmington and Dover Weed and Seed sites, through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. Weed and Seed is an initiative that brings together federal, state, and local agencies, service providers and community residents to prevent crime and to improve the quality of life in the Weed and Seed neighborhoods.

Mr. Connolly stated that the Wilmington Weed and Seed site will continue to use part of that grant award to pay the salaries for three Wilmington Police Officers who will patrol the Weed and Seed area, Third to Eleventh Streets and Adams to Tatnall Streets in West Center City. The Ministry of Caring, Inc., the site's "seeding" partner, will seek to leverage grant funds to expand services and activities for neighborhood residents.

The Dover site stretches from State Street to Saulsbury Road, North Street to Mary Street, Water Street to Legislative Avenue, and William Penn to South State Street. The Dover site will use some of its grant money to increase the Dover Police presence in Weed and Seed neighborhoods. The site's "seeding" partner, the City of Dover, will use grant money to fund youth activities and social service outreach and case management.

Mr. Connolly thanked the numerous partners from both Weed and Seed sites for their dedicated assistance to the Weed and Seed communities.

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