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The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) received funds from National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-x) to upgrade the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) repository and reporting system. The new MTIBRS data repository will pave the way from monthly CSV/flat data file submissions to the new National Information Exchange Module (NIEM) conformant, which will allow for transactional/real-time XML tagged exchange submissions of NIBRS/MTIBRS data between law enforcement agencies and the Montana Board of Crime Control.

MBCC will make significant changes to the data collected to improve accuracy and reliability. To provide the improved data to the FBI and other state criminal justice partners, local agencies must make significant changes to their records management systems (RMS). The biggest obstacle in implementing these changes will be the cost for records management vendors to make significant changes to their systems to meet the updated state requirements not normally covered by their annual maintenance contracts.

MBCC requested 1.4 million in our National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) 2020 application to fund the conversion from CSV to NIEM/XML, and while we were awarded less than half, we will still be able to accomplish a great deal. For all vendors who submitted estimates for converting their existing customers, we will fund these conversions before awarding funds to agencies with end of life records management systems.

Given that we will receive only 25% of the funds requested in the initial application to accomplish converting end of life systems, the Statistical Analysis Center will conduct a meeting with all agencies needing to change vendors to discuss how to best utilize these funds. The meeting will be scheduled after the July 20-24 NIBRS/MTIBRS training where you will have the opportunity to sit in at least four different vendor presentations. We will also continue to seek other funding sources to assist agencies with their transition.

NIBRS & MTIBRS Training Agenda – July 20-24, 2020.

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