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The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has awarded York County two grants toward three different projects. The awards were announced last week.

- The York County District Attorney's Office was awarded \$108,123 for the creation of a new Digital Forensics Team composed of law enforcement officers from across York County. The money will be used to create an in-house digital forensics laboratory to help law enforcement collect, preserve and analyze electronic evidence. The goal of the project is to enhance community safety and decrease the burden on out-of-county facilities that are currently processing such evidence from the York area.
- A second grant of \$107,574 will be spent on two other projects:
 - A portion of the money (\$54,357.75) will be spent on new redaction software to be used by the York County Clerk of Courts Office. The software will automatically mask the Social Security and driver license numbers on publicly available court documents. The goal of the project is to protect defendants from identify theft. The total project cost is \$72,477. The Clerk of Courts is contributing a match of \$18,119.25 from a records automation fund to draw down the grant money. The automation fund is derived from a \$5 per-case filing fee.
 - The other portion (\$53,216.25) will be spent on the creation of a new criminal justice planner housed within the York County Planning Commission. The new planner, a top priority for the York County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, will research and analyze criminal justice statistics to generate a current picture of crime-related issues facing the community. The planner will determine whether identified issues are being addressed and, if not, help locate resources to tackle the most serious concerns. The total project cost is \$70,955. York County is contributing a \$17,738.75 match to draw down the grant money.

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