

PUBLIC SAFETY

OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT

Since 2001, The Howard G. Buffett Foundation has provided financial support to 115 local law enforcement agencies and volunteer fire departments, primarily in communities where the Foundation has employees or operations. The Foundation also provides support to the National Sheriffs' Association, Police Executive Research Forum, several state and regional Sheriff organizations, and a few Sheriff and Border Patrol Explorer programs. **In total, the Foundation has provided \$143.2 million in support of Public Safety.**

Our interest in local public safety agencies grew out of our commitment to supporting the communities in which we operate. We have increased our support for Public Safety programs based on our experiences in the U.S. and the lessons we have learned from our international conflict mitigation work in countries where peace and security are fragile or absent.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN & CEO

“We focus most of our grant making in developing countries, especially those prone to conflict. **Public safety is a basic building block required for any successful development or investment.** Yet the most basic services to protect our citizens and make our communities function are often those that suffer the most from budget cuts and strained finances, particularly in rural areas. Our hope is to fill some of those critical gaps in the communities in which we operate.”

—Howard G. Buffett



PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTMAKING WHERE WE OPERATE

To date, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation has committed more than **\$139.2 million** to 133 public safety agencies and organizations located in the four primary states where our Foundation operates (Illinois, Nebraska, Arizona and Texas). This represents 97 percent of the Foundation's Public Safety grantmaking and approximately 10 percent of the Foundation's estimated cumulative giving through 2019. This support includes:

- **\$10.4 million** in grants and commitments between 2003 and 2019 to the Macon County (IL) Sheriff's Office:

- Supporting vehicles, equipment, K9 units, training, and significant upgrades to the jail, including doubling the medical care available to inmates; implementation of a classification system; adding telepsych services; increasing substance abuse programs; and addressing other critical needs.

- An additional **\$3.7 million** in grants and commitments to support the Decatur Police Department, Macon County Fire Departments, Macon County State's Attorney's Office, Macon County Probation and Court Services, Macon County Emergency Management Agency, and the Macon County Coroner's Office.

- **\$28.1 million** in grants and commitments between 2012 and 2019 to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office and the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team:

- Supporting training, search and rescue, vehicles, K-9 programs, a helicopter program, equipment and infrastructure improvement projects.
- Almost fifty percent of the funds provided to CCSO were used to construct, update and implement a county-wide emergency communications system. This communications system is the backbone for many law enforcement agencies and emergency services in Cochise County.

- Nearly **\$60 million** to create a "Community Care Campus" in Decatur, Illinois to address substance abuse and to support short-term and long-term recovery.

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