

Grant Award Summary

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program

Grant Type: Continuation

Grantor: Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

Grant Period: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018

Award Amount: \$2,361,053; grantor share \$510,381, which includes Interdiction \$46,944; Heroin \$70,481; Investigative \$21,672; Fugitive Task Force \$14,172; Drug Gang Task Force \$357,112

Match Required: Yes, \$1,850,672 in kind

Fiscal Agent: MPD

MPD Sub-Awardee: Narcotics Division

Allocation Purpose: Participation of MPD personnel on five HIDTA task forces, including Interdiction, Heroin, Investigative, Fugitive Task Force, and Drug Gang Task Force

Partners: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Safe and Sound, FBI, DEA, U.S. Attorney's Office—Eastern District of Wisconsin, U.S. Customs Service, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, West Allis Police Department, Wisconsin Division of Narcotic Enforcement, and Wisconsin National Guard

Research & Evaluation: N/A

Programmatic Summary

In recent years, there has been an increase in heroin consumption and distribution in the greater Milwaukee area. In addition, marijuana and powder/crack cocaine remain predominant drug threats. Drug importation to Milwaukee occurs via highway and airline transportation; organized street gangs have developed distribution systems that cater to users across the State. Inherent to the drug trade is firearm trafficking, which has contributed to the increase in violence in the City of Milwaukee over the past several years.

The Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) focuses on dismantling and disrupting local, state and national drug networks and organizations. There are several anti-crime strategies and initiatives, including one that is exclusive to heroin trafficking. HIDTA works closely with its partners to share intelligence and reduce the prevalence of crime associated with drug trafficking in the City and County of Milwaukee.

Program Goals

This program seeks to disrupt and dismantle drug networks through the development and/or continuation of five task forces, which provides increased coordination and cooperation between local, regional, state and federal partners for criminal prosecution. The goal of the HIDTA program is to reduce violent crime, the distribution of narcotics, money laundering and the demand for illegal street drugs among users throughout the State of Wisconsin.

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Data Summary

Tables I depicts drug arrests by the Milwaukee Police Department from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016. Arrests for possession with intent to deliver and manufacturing/delivery of heroin increased 57% from 2012 (138) to 2016 (217). In addition, cocaine arrests increased 11% from 2015 (560) to 2016 (624).

Table I. Cocaine & Heroin Arrests by the Milwaukee Police Department

Drug Arrests by the Milwaukee Police Department							
Drug Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	15-16 Change	12-16 Change
Cocaine	778	593	564	560	624	11%	-20%
Heroin (Delivery & Manufacturing)	138	120	151	198	217	10%	57%
Total	898	700	678	690	722	5%	-20%

Drug arrests obtained from the Corrections Management System (CMS) and counts distinct arrests for the time period of January 1—December 31, 2012-2016. Totals will not sum since an individual may be arrested for more than one offense (cocaine and heroin in the same incident). Note heroin arrests are inclusive of possession with intent to deliver and manufacturing/delivery of heroin only, since possession of heroin falls under the scope of a Schedule I narcotic.