

Grant Award Summary

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Project 2020

Grant Type: Grant Continuation; Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects

170026, 181792

Grantor: Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

Grant Period: January 1, 2020—December 31, 2021

Award Amount: \$1,792,189 (\$422,602 from grantor, \$1,369,587 from City)

Match Required: \$422,602 (24%) would be provided by the grantor and \$1,369,587 (76%) would be provided by the City

Fiscal Agent: Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)

MPD Sub-Awardee: MPD Narcotics Division

Allocation Purpose: This continuing grant will support initiatives designed to implement the strategy proposed by the Executive Board of the Wisconsin HIDTA and approved by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and will partially fund salaries and overtime expenses for Police Officers, Detectives, and a Lieutenant, who will be dispersed among the Fugitive Task Force, Heroin Task Force, Interdiction, Investigative Support, and Drug Gang Task Force.

Partners:

- **Federal:** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Attorney's Office - Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the United States Customs Service.
- **State:** Wisconsin Division of Narcotic Enforcement and the Wisconsin National Guard.
- **Local:** Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. Milwaukee Police Department, and West Allis Police Department.

Research & Evaluation: N/A

Program Goals

The Milwaukee HIDTA's mission is to apply enhanced intelligence processes and greater operational coordination and prosecution to reduce organized drug distribution, drug related violent crime and money laundering, and the demand for illegal drugs within the Milwaukee HIDTA. The Milwaukee HIDTA also strives to halt the distribution of illegal drugs to urban areas throughout Wisconsin and beyond. The goal of this grant is to continue the allocation of financial resources to MPD personnel assigned to five HIDTA task forces, including Interdiction, Investigation, Heroin, Fugitive Task Force, and Drug Gang Task Force. This leads to increased cooperation and coordination between law enforcement agencies and partners through joint investigations of drug traffickers to reduce the prevalence and demand for illegal narcotics in the City of Milwaukee.

Programmatic Summary

Over the past several years, there has been an increase in heroin consumption and the distribution of opiates in the City of Milwaukee. In addition, overdose deaths associated with opioids has increased dramatically in Milwaukee County. Crack cocaine and marijuana remain persistent drug threats, as drug traffickers and organized street gangs have developed distribution systems for delivery to users across the State. Milwaukee HIDTA focuses on reducing violent crime by dismantling and disrupting drug networks and organizations that operate in the State of Wisconsin.

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Data Summary

Table 1. displays drug arrests by the Milwaukee Police Department from January 1-December 31, 2015-2019

<i>Table 1.</i> Drug Charge Categories	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015-2019 % Change	2018-2019 % Change
Cocaine	560	624	821	675	552	-1%	-18%
Heroin	198	217	269	244	183	-8%	-25%
Total Arrests*	690	722	918	789	610	-12%	-23%

Arrest data counts distinct drug arrests by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) for the time period of January 1-December 31, 2015-2019. *It should be noted that totals may not sum since an individual may be arrested for more than once charge and/or charge type. Furthermore, heroin arrests are inclusive of possession with intent to deliver and manufacturing and delivery, since possession of heroin falls under the scope of a Schedule I narcotic and cannot be determined.