

# **MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Multijurisdictional task forces are vital elements in the statewide effort to combine all available resources to reduce crime. The major emphasis for these task forces is the investigation of illegal substance abuse, and associated criminal activity. Eligible applicants must have state and local law enforcement participation and a commitment from federal sources for joint criminal investigations. Task forces must have a Board of Directors that includes all participating agencies. Task forces must initiate or be members of a community coalition designed to bring all available resources together for crime-solving initiatives. Because most law enforcement authority is limited to specific jurisdictions, but criminal activity is not, it is possible for large criminal enterprises to commit crimes beyond the scope of power of a particular law enforcement agency. Addressing this problem requires cooperation among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, corrections, service agencies and the community. Multijurisdictional task forces combine the talents and resources of a variety of organizations to eliminate jurisdictional and procedural barriers and enhance problem solving initiatives.

Agencies receiving awards for Multijurisdictional Task Forces must submit: (1) a written interagency agreements between all participating agencies defining activities and responsibilities; (2) a prosecutor statement demonstrating collaborative involvement with the team toward meeting the team goals and objectives; (3) a plan of intelligence sharing via computerized networking; (4) clearly formulated goals, objectives, and performance measures; (5) a monitoring and evaluation plan; (6) a plan for forfeiture sharing, including how funds will be used; and, (7) a commitment for staffing by all participating agencies.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**Goal #1**                      **The removal of multijurisdictional narcotic offenders and conspiracies in the regional area.**

**Objective #1**                Investigation, prosecution and conviction of multijurisdictional narcotic offenders and violent criminals through the integration of law enforcement agencies and prosecutors, with federal agency cooperation, for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination, cooperation, and intelligence.

<b>Activities</b>	<p>Establishment of criteria to identify, select and prioritize narcotic investigations with emphasis on mid and upper-level drug dealers. Coordination and monitoring of cases to ensure effective management and supervision of shared investigation and prosecutorial resources and activities.</p> <p>Each project shall have a Board of Directors, which is comprised of a representative from each state, county and local agency participating in the project. The Board will establish policies consistent with: (1) purpose area goals and objectives; (2) allocate, focus, and manage project resources; and, (3) provide oversight of project investigations. Members of the group will have an equal vote on all matters. Identification and assignment of resources and skills required in the investigation and prosecutorial process throughout the duration of a case.</p>
<b>Performance Measures</b>	<p>The number of drug trafficking organizations identified as major dealers within regional area the task force dismantled, disrupted or rendered ineffective. The number of Class II and III violators arrested and assets seized. The use of federal and state grand juries. Collaboration with local prosecutors and the use of prosecutor's subpoenas. Drug cases initiated to deal with specifically-identified problems.</p>
<b>Goal #2</b>	<p><b>The reduction and solving of criminal activity. Emphasis is on violent crime, drug related criminal activity and repetitive offenders.</b></p>
<b>Objective #2</b>	<p>Crime analysis, community-driven crime reduction and related problem-solving strategies. Work in conjunction with local detectives, street-level teams, probation/parole agents and federal agencies.</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<p>Outstanding fugitive warrant arrests, parole and probation violation arrests, sex offender registration violation arrests, gangs and related criminal activity reduction, increased local crime clearance rates, cold case investigations, felons in possession of firearm arrests, firearms trafficking and removal from the streets, major crime assistance, increased use of state and local grand juries and prosecutor subpoenas, expanded intelligence dissemination, defined neighborhood problem solving initiatives and increased use of crime analysis.</p>
<b>Performance Measures</b>	<p>Data driven problem-solving initiatives implemented, resolved, improved or continued. Increased crime clearance rates through team activities. Fugitive, parole, probation violations and sex offender registration violation cases cleared. Intelligence information shared leading to arrest and/or crime clearance. Firearms recovered and cases initiated. Criminal gangs identified, cases initiated and cleared. Major crime, cold case</p>

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<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Work with citizen groups, schools, community and substance abuse prevention and treatment agencies to reduce crime and improve quality of life.</b>
<b>Objective #3</b>	Cooperation and interaction with schools, community agencies, citizen groups, including participation on boards and committees, to develop crime solving and prevention strategies.
<b>Activities</b>	Activities are the result of Board of Directors and community-based committees' problem-solving initiatives. Teams will participate in the development and implementation of crime prevention strategies. Problem-solving initiatives will be defined in the application and reported on quarterly. The Board of Directors will submit a final report with an evaluation component at the conclusion of the grant year.
<b>Performance Measures</b>	Number of crime prevention, problem-solving strategies initiated. The extent of task force involvement with service agencies, local community and business groups, and school personnel in the regional area.