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The Honorable José E. Serrano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Serrano:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's allocation plan for FY 2012 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) discretionary funds among the 28 regional HIDTA programs.

For background, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, (P.L. 112-74) provided \$238,522,000 for the HIDTA Program for FY 2012. On March 19, 2012, ONDCP submitted an allocation plan of the discretionary funds among the following specific funding categories:

FY 2012 HIDTA DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Funding Category	Funding
Domestic Highway Enforcement Project	\$4,000,000
Domestic Marijuana Project	\$2,300,000
Prevention Initiatives	\$800,000
Prescription Drug Project	\$1,000,000
Parcel Project	\$550,000
Hemisphere Project	\$500,000
Native American Project	\$275,000
New Counties and Emergent Threat Initiatives	\$372,050
Total	\$9,797,050

All HIDTAs submitted requests for discretionary funds totaling \$21,144,828. The requests were reviewed and prioritized by ONDCP staff, in consult with the HIDTA Director's Committee. The allocation plan for the funds among the regional HIDTA programs is enclosed. A brief synopsis of each funding category follows:

\$4,000,000 will be used to continue the Domestic Highway Enforcement Project (DHE). A total of 25 HIDTAs submitted 43 funding requests totaling \$9,473,102 under this project. These funds continue to support targeted multi-jurisdictional law enforcement efforts directed toward ongoing transportation corridor projects to seize drugs and illegal proceeds along our Nation's highways, and to support ongoing related investigations targeting Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). ONDCP's recommendation will provide funding to 26 HIDTAs, including 5 Southwest Border HIDTA Regions and the National HIDTA Assistance Center.

\$2,300,000 will be used to continue the Domestic Marijuana Project. A total of 10 HIDTAs submitted 20 funding requests totaling \$4,312,403 under this project. The purpose of the project is to provide funding to help HIDTAs in marijuana production areas investigate DTOs engaged in outdoor and indoor marijuana production with an emphasis on public lands. ONDCP's recommendation will provide funds to 10 HIDTAs.

\$800,000 will be used to fund Prevention Initiatives. A total of 15 HIDTAs submitted 21 funding requests totaling \$1,703,238 under this project. These prevention initiatives will facilitate increased coordination between the law enforcement and prevention communities to reduce drug abuse and its negative consequences. ONDCP's recommendation will provide funding to 13 HIDTAs, including 5 Southwest Border HIDTA Regions. The funds will continue the coordinated prevention effort in the California HIDTAs managed by the Southwest Border HIDTA California Region.

\$1,000,000 will be used to fund a Prescription Drug Project. A total of 16 HIDTAs submitted 27 funding requests totaling \$2,483,445 under this project. This project will fund investigations to disrupt and dismantle DTOs suspected of violating Federal, state, or local statutes pertaining to the diversion of licit pharmaceutical controlled substances. Investigations may also target rogue pain clinics, physicians who prescribe scheduled drugs without a valid medical reason, and pharmacies that illegally dispense or divert controlled drugs. ONDCP's recommendation will provide funds to 13 HIDTAs including 2 Southwest Border HIDTA Regions.

\$550,000 will continue to fund the Parcel Project. A total of 15 HIDTAs submitted 24 funding requests totaling \$1,903,320 under this project. This project focuses on the investigation of DTOs using parcel shipping services to transport illegal drugs and drug proceeds. ONDCP's recommendation provides funds to 13 HIDTAs.

\$500,000 will be used to support the continuation of the Hemisphere Project. The project provides forensic analysis of electronic call detail records. Nodes that support HIDTA investigations nationwide currently exist in Atlanta, Georgia; Houston, Texas and Los Angeles, California. Discretionary funds will support the node at the Atlanta HIDTA.

\$275,000 will be used to continue the Native American Project. A total of 6 HIDTAs submitted 6 funding requests totaling \$769,320 under this project. The purpose of the project is to provide funds to assist HIDTAs to develop intelligence-driven operations to detect, deter, interdict, disrupt, and/or dismantle organizations involved in drug trafficking on tribal lands. ONDCP's recommendation provides funds to 6 HIDTAs, including 2 Southwest Border Regions.

\$372,050 will be used to fund new county designations and emergent threat initiatives. These funds will support newly designated HIDTA counties (exact requirement unknown) and initiatives to address emergent threats. The funds will be held pending the designation of new counties or identification of emergent threats requiring discretionary funding.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 395-6700, or your staff may contact Robert Reed, Director of ONDCP's Office of Legislative Affairs, at (202) 395-6912. Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of the HIDTA program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Gil Kerlikowske".

R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director

Enclosure: FY 2012 HIDTA Discretionary Funding Recommendation

FY 2012 HIDTA Discretionary Funding Recommendation

HIDTA	FY 2012 Base Recommendation	Domestic Highway Enforcement Project	Domestic Marijuana Project	Prevention Initiatives	Prescription Drug Project	Parcel Project	Hemisphere Project	Native American Project	New Counties and Emergent Threat Initiatives	Total Discretionary Funding	Total Funding
Appalachia	\$6,756,773	\$106,000	\$300,000		\$65,000	\$70,000				\$541,000	\$7,297,773
Atlanta	\$6,238,866	\$185,000		\$35,000	\$65,000	\$50,000	\$500,000			\$835,000	\$7,073,866
Central Florida	\$3,110,000	\$40,000			\$140,000	\$25,000				\$205,000	\$3,315,000
Central Valley California	\$3,060,000	\$80,000	\$885,000			\$50,000		\$40,000		\$1,055,000	\$4,115,000
Chicago	\$5,629,175	\$75,000								\$75,000	\$5,704,175
Gulf Coast	\$7,857,829	\$240,000				\$65,000				\$305,000	\$8,162,829
Hawaii	\$3,060,000		\$50,000							\$50,000	\$3,110,000
Houston	\$10,118,911	\$145,000		\$20,000	\$70,000					\$235,000	\$10,353,911
Lake County	\$3,147,499	\$49,000								\$49,000	\$3,196,499
Los Angeles	\$14,640,881	\$180,000	\$90,000			\$50,000				\$320,000	\$14,960,881
Michigan	\$3,424,197	\$140,000		\$25,000	\$20,000					\$185,000	\$3,609,197
Midwest	\$13,661,257	\$385,000			\$45,000					\$430,000	\$14,091,257
Milwaukee	\$5,239,087	\$45,000		\$50,000		\$25,000				\$120,000	\$5,359,087
Nevada	\$3,060,000	\$130,000	\$115,000							\$245,000	\$3,305,000
New England	\$3,124,584	\$225,000		\$70,000	\$50,000					\$345,000	\$3,469,584
New York/New Jersey	\$12,615,798	\$130,000		\$70,000	\$60,000			\$60,000		\$320,000	\$12,935,798
North Texas	\$3,060,000	\$193,000*		\$40,000		\$20,000		\$30,000		\$283,000	\$3,343,000
Northern California	\$3,110,000		\$275,000			\$40,000				\$315,000	\$3,425,000
North Florida	\$3,060,000	\$82,000				\$45,000				\$127,000	\$3,187,000
Northwest	\$4,449,408	\$160,000	\$250,000	\$40,000		\$40,000		\$30,000		\$520,000	\$4,969,408
Ohio	\$3,363,107	\$180,000		\$40,000	\$50,000	\$50,000				\$320,000	\$3,683,107
Oregon	\$3,160,000	\$80,000	\$175,000	\$70,000				\$20,000		\$345,000	\$3,505,000
Philadelphia/Camden	\$4,278,955	\$90,000			\$25,000	\$20,000				\$135,000	\$4,413,955
Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands	\$9,461,757			\$60,000						\$60,000	\$9,521,757
Rocky Mountain	\$9,571,254	\$195,000								\$195,000	\$9,766,254
South Florida	\$12,707,533	\$75,000	\$110,000		\$135,000					\$320,000	\$13,027,533
Southwest Border	\$49,578,269	\$610,000	\$50,000	\$240,000	\$230,000			\$95,000		\$1,225,000	\$50,803,269
Washington/Baltimore	\$13,484,157	\$15,000		\$40,000	\$45,000					\$100,000	\$13,584,157
National HIDTA Assistance Center	\$1,995,653	\$165,000								\$165,000	\$2,160,653
Unallocated Discretionary									\$372,050	\$372,050	
Total	\$226,024,950	\$4,000,000	\$2,300,000	\$800,000	\$1,000,000	\$550,000	\$500,000	\$275,000	\$372,050	\$9,797,050	\$235,449,950

Total Base	\$226,024,950
Auditing Services Funds	\$2,700,000
Discretionary Funds	\$9,797,050
Total	\$238,522,000

*Includes \$100,000 provided in the initial funding allocation.