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Problem Statement/Target Population

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Greater Cleveland continues to experience unacceptable narcotics-related violent crime including homicides, assaults, burglaries, and other related crimes. Experience has demonstrated that the challenges presented by the more sophisticated of these trafficking groups are beyond the capability of any one law enforcement agency. However, the coordinated approach made possible by the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) allows for the full implementation of sophisticated investigative techniques and provides the resources necessary to respond to this challenge.

Fentanyl and heroin have emerged to be the dominate drugs preferred by drug traffickers . And, we have also seen in increase in the amount of cocaine, which has been adulterated with fentanyl in the Greater Cleveland area.

Importation and sales of bulk marijuana remains high due to the relatively low penalties and high profit margins. Because of its strategic location, the Greater Cleveland area is increasingly identified as a transshipment point for narcotics, which reach other communities within Ohio. In addition, due to the legalization of marijuana in California, Colorado and Oregon, Greater Cleveland has seen an increase in the availability of marijuana in many different forms such as wax , edibles, oils and butters and capsules.

The NOLETF has seen an increase in methamphetamine use and sales within Cuyahoga County . The NOLETF has been successful in investigating and criminally charging several persons and DTO 's for methamphetamine sales. The NOLETF will continue enforcement efforts to attempt to curb methamphetamine sales and use in the community .

In Cuyahoga County Opioid related overdose deaths continue to plague the community. In 2018 we expect to see approximately 500 deaths resulting from opioid related overdoses.

The major issues facing the NOLETF are as follows:

1) An increase in drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). Cuyahoga County residents account for over 20% of the overall state jail population but only 10% of the general population. Over 30% of the residents of the City of Cleveland (10% of Cuyahoga County) live at or below the poverty line. Only 34% of Cleveland school children finish high school. 80% of crimes committed in the City of Cleveland are drug related. These facts, combined with a steady supply of cocaine and heroin across the Mexican border, create a high demand for narcotics. Cash strapped governments in metropolitan Cleveland have little or no funding for long-term drug investigations. The confidential funds provided by the grant will be spent on undercover drug buys, source payments for information, and miscellaneous expenses in the field. Without the confidential funds, the task force would be unable to obtain the probable cause required for federal title III electronic surveillance warrants which are the basis for our multi-state and multi-national drug conspiracy investigations. These title III warrants are the most efficient tool in DTO dismantlements.

2) An increase in associated gang and drug violence. Through 2018, the City of Cleveland continued to experience gun violence which in many cases often related to gang violence fueled by the drug trade. NOLETF needs more resources to targeted violent gangs.

3) Budget cuts have reduced the number of law enforcement officers employed by many police departments . The overall manpower of Cleveland Police remains considerably low. Individual agencies simply do not have the resources to investigate these major cases on their own. The member agencies of the NOLETF serve as a force-multiplier. NOLETF has assisted in countless investigations of home invasions, murders, felonious assaults by firearm, and lower-level drug conspiracies in the surrounding suburbs. The task force targets entrenched sophisticated organized narcotics trafficking groups operating in the Cleveland area; especially those organized drug gangs with a propensity for violence. Not surprisingly, law enforcement in the Cuyahoga County area continues to identify drug trafficking and its related violence as the major crime problem facing the community.

The short-term consequences of not funding the NOLETF include a reduction in the number of investigations we are able to conduct. If we are unable to fund additional overtime hours for investigations, we will not be able to complete as many investigations.

Problem Statement/Target Population

The long term consequences are an increase in narcotics-related violent crime in the Greater Cleveland area. If we are unable to complete as many investigations, the DTOs and gangs will continue to operate in the Greater Cleveland area.

The target population includes residents of Cuyahoga County, however, most of the activity is concentrated in the City of Cleveland. Cleveland is the largest city in Cuyahoga county. Although it is a diverse community, the majority of its residents are African American. Cleveland is one of the country's poorest cities with 34 percent living below the poverty level.

The city of Cleveland has struggled with sustained levels of violent crime well above the national average. The violence has reached such high levels that the Major Cities Chiefs Association found Cleveland to be the 5th deadliest city in the nation in 2017.

Cleveland's violent crime rate far exceeds the national average per 100,000. For example, Cleveland's homicide rate per 100,000 was 33.72. The national average was 5.3. Cleveland is 6th nationally in the homicide rate for 2017 (the latest year available). Cleveland is 6th in the nation for rape, 2nd for robbery, 23rd for aggravated assaults and 7th in the nation for total violent crimes.

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1) The NOLETF will continue its mission to dismantle DTO's in 2019, NOLETF brings together state, federal, and local agents and investigators in collocated space, adjacent to federal prosecutors, with close communication with local prosecutors to ensure that the most sophisticated investigative and prosecutorial resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups. The collocation of the investigators fosters the development of intelligence in a timely fashion which helps to facilitate the utilization of the information and provides maximum flexibility in selecting the means most likely to result in the disruption or dismantling of organized criminal activity. Among the evidence-based investigative tools used by the NOLETF are the following:

- Intelligence Gathering
- Search Warrants
- Cultivating Information Sources
- Arrests
- Surveillance
- Interviews of Sources/Witnesses
- Debriefing of Defendants
- Testimony in Grand Jury, Trials, Court
- Evidence Gathering
- Financial Investigations
- Federal Title III Warrants
- Seizure of evidence, drugs, weapons, assets
- Undercover Operations
- State/Federal Indictment, Prosecutions, Trials

Court authorized electronic surveillance, one of the most effective and sophisticated investigative tools available, is a frequently used investigative technique. It should be noted that the NOLETF in conjunction with the FBI-Cleveland the US Attorney's Office, is consistently one of the leading narcotics investigations unit in the country utilizing the federal wiretap law according to former FBI Director James Comey. The variety of law enforcement agencies making up the NOLETF provides access to critical national intelligence which is used in local investigations and has promoted the NOLETF's participation in several national project investigations which substantially impact organizations that are shipping large quantities of controlled substances into the area. In 2018, Operation "No Bad Mojo", which was a long term, wire tap investigation, resulted in the federal indictment of (12) individuals involved in the smuggling of kilo quantities of cocaine and heroin from Mexico to the greater Cleveland area.

The NOLETF is also an initiative within the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). As such, the NOLETF participates in the Ohio HIDTA intelligence gathering, coordination and deconfliction program.

2) Intelligence gathered from our title III warrants relating to shootings, homicides and heroin-involved death investigations will be relayed to the Cleveland Police Gang Impact Squad, Narcotics Unit, and Homicide Units as well as the appropriate regional, state and federal agencies. This information will aid these units and agencies in arresting violent criminals and will result in the successful prosecutions for these crimes. Also NOLETF will institute a new program with our partner agencies specifically to target violent gangs. We will utilize all of the above evidence-based techniques that we currently utilize to target DTO's. In 2018, NOLETF conducted Operation "Casa Limpia" which resulted in the federal indictment of (4) individuals for federal weapons charges. This organization was proved to have direct ties to the MS-13 street gang. During the course of this investigation over (50) firearms destined for the streets of Greater Cleveland were seized.

3) The NOLETF will also continue and expand its outreach to smaller agencies in Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit and Medina counties. The task force allows the region to operate more efficiently by sharing information and resources. Smaller jurisdictions simply do not have the manpower or technological resources to handle the large scale investigations necessary to dismantle large drug trafficking organizations. We will also increase the number of training programs we offer to detectives in smaller cities. This action plan will address all three of the problems identified above. It will reduce the number of DTOs and the number of violent crimes associated

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with the DTOs. And, by sharing resources and training, we will further aid each of the agencies that are facing budget deficits. In order to ensure the NOLETF does not duplicate the efforts of other task forces, NOLETF communicates with the other task forces operating in Cuyahoga County. We all use the HIDTA de-confliction system. We have, on several occasions, assisted or collaborated on cases. Cuyahoga County is a heavily populated county with a population of over 1.2 million, consisting of 23 west suburbs and 35 east suburbs. We basically have an east side task force and a west side task force that handle issues specific to their areas. The NOLETF investigates the entire county and surrounding counties.

Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Application 2018

Organization: Cleveland Department of Public Safety

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Sustainability/Accomplishments/Obstacles

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Sustainability: The NOLETF is a long standing multi-agency task force comprised of investigators from local, state and federal agencies. Participating agencies contribute over \$1,500,000 annually in salaries for investigators. The U. S Attorney's Office provides office space and utilities at a value of over \$150,000 per year. Participating agencies intend to continue providing as much manpower and other support as possible in order to ensure the sustainability of this program. Additionally, we will continue to apply for grant funding from any possible sources.

Accomplishments: Since 2007 the NOLETF has:

- Opened 51 OCDETF cases
- Completed 72 TIII wiretap investigations. (The average wiretap investigation takes 6-12 months.)
- Dozens of search warrants and approximately 200 arrests.

Obstacles: One of the major obstacles facing the NOLETF is related to staffing. Investigators leave the task force to take new assignments in their home jurisdictions or when they are promoted to another position. Partner agencies often have a difficult time replacing these outgoing investigators due to manpower shortages. Other agencies assist by adding additional investigators when possible, but this will always be a challenge.

Obstacles affecting the target population: As the illegal drug landscape shifts and changes, the NOLETF modifies its tactics to respond to these changes. We continue to complete training and learn how to best respond to different drug trafficking organizations.

Collaboration and community resources: As mentioned, partner agencies contribute a significant amount of resources to the Task Force. They will continue to supply investigators to the task force. These investigators will continue to be trained on the best methods of investigating and dismantling drug trafficking organizations.

Project Objectives

Describe the outcomes or changes anticipated as a result of the proposed project. The achievement of the objectives should provide an outcome that reflects a measurable change for the target population due to the services offered by the program. Provide two objectives, with performance measures and baseline numbers that further the goal of the selected Program Area. Application will be evaluated on how effectively it:

- clearly identifies project objectives (measured change as a result of implementing the proposed project), performance measures (how you will measure that change, what instruments and/or tools are to be used, etc.), and any baseline data that exists. The project objectives should be logically and clearly linked to the identified problem and the proposed approach/response as discussed in the previous sections of the application. Performance indicators should be appropriate to the Objective and be a measure of success in accomplishing the Objective.

EXAMPLE	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR</u>	<u>BASELINE NUMBER</u>	<u>PERFORMANCE DATA COLLECTION</u>
	Measure of change that will result from the proposed project during project period.	Information collected to document expected changes.	Number documenting what occurred during the past year.	The method in which the data will be collected and the means by which it will be stored for later analysis.
EXAMPLE: OBJECTIVE (Increase)	Increase by 10 the number of crime prevention programs presented to residents in Cardinal County by December 31, 2012.	The number of crime prevention programs presented in Cardinal County.	Five crime prevention programs were presented to residents between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.	Data on each crime prevention program (program description, program coordinator, target audience, date of program, number of attendees, etc.) will be documented by the program's coordinator as it occurs, and all programs will be captured in spreadsheet format so that calculations can be made across the programs for the grant period.
EXAMPLE: OBJECTIVE (Decrease)	Achieve a 25% reduction in recidivism among those successfully completing the program by December 31, 2012.	The numbers of new crimes or technical violations that program participants are charged with up to 12 months after discharge from the program.	20% reduction in recidivism as defined by new charges or technical violations was achieved between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.	Program staff will receive a monthly report from the agency responsible for supervision documenting the number of new crimes or technical violations that participants are charged with. This information will be collected by program staff in a spreadsheet for ease of calculation for the grant period.
EXAMPLE: OBJECTIVE (Maintain)	Maintain the current level of client satisfaction with services being delivered between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.	The level of client satisfaction as reported on the Client satisfaction survey administered upon termination from the program.	Participants reported a 95% satisfaction rate on delivered services between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.	Program staff will distribute client satisfaction surveys to each program participant. Data will be collected from all returned surveys and these results will be entered into a spreadsheet for ease of calculation for the grant period.

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FIRST PROJECT OBJECTIVE

OBJECTIVE

The NOLETf will maintain the number of heroin cases investigated during the grant period.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

The number of heroin cases investigated. A case is a wiretap worthy investigation. They are labor intensive, requiring multiple months to complete, involving multiple search warrants, target background investigation, ping orders and surveillance in order to identify the entire drug trafficking organization and dismantle as much of it as possible. They can take 2,000 - 4,000 man hours to complete.

BASELINE NUMBER

Three heroin cases were investigated in 2018.

HOW WILL PERFORMANCE DATA BE COLLECTED?

The OIC will maintain records of investigations. The OIC will forward this information to the Grants Coordinator quarterly.

SECOND PROJECT OBJECTIVE

OBJECTIVE

The NOLETf will maintain the number of cocaine cases investigated during the grant period

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

The number of cocaine cases investigated. A case is a wiretap worthy investigation. They are labor intensive, requiring multiple months to complete, involving multiple search warrants, target background investigation, ping orders and surveillance in order to identify the entire drug trafficking organization and dismantle as much of it as possible. They can take 2,000 - 4,000 man hours to complete.

BASELINE NUMBER

Four cocaine cases were investigated in 2018.

HOW WILL PERFORMANCE DATA BE COLLECTED?

The OIC will maintain records of investigations. The OIC will forward this information to the Grants Coordinator quarterly.

Timeline/Activities

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Task force Co-Cmdrs: Acting Lt. Joe Bovenzi, Special Agent Todd DeKatch, Grants Coord: Dawn Heartsong, Fiscal Mgr: Amy Hewett

CONTINUOUSLY/AS NEEDED: Deconfliction is utilized for all potential suspects, suspect phone numbers and suspect locations. Deconfliction is utilized for any event occurring from or during an investigation, such as, Execution of Search Warrants, Drug Buys and/or surveillance. Sgt. Bovenzi will ensure deconfliction is utilized.

AS NEEDED: Participating Task Force officers will present training and informational seminars when called upon. Participating Officers have given training to other law enforcement agencies and First Responders for Heroin Involved Investigations, Safe Handling of Heroin, Hotel Interdiction, Package Interdiction and Hidden Compartments. Lt. Bovenzi will attend OTFCA meetings and training as they are offered.

MONTH 1: Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise drug invests and NOLETF Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. DeKatch: Review Federal Title 21 Deputation.

MONTH 2: Bovenzi: Review Operation Plans, and investigative rpts. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and NOLETF Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Dekatch: Oversee tech contractor for Title III voicebox and monitoring equipment. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Review Operation Plans and investigative rpts, plan and coordinate large scale take downs involving multiple agencies.

MONTH 3: Bovenzi: Qtrly overtime rpt and statistical rpt. Bovenzi/Dekatch hold a quarterly Heads of Agency meeting where the HOAs are given a complete "report card" of Task Force Activities, statistics, and budget matters. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/Dekatch: Supervise investigations and NOLETF Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Dekatch: review of Federal Title 21 Deputation, maintain stats, prepare qtrly FBI report, attend HOA Collaboration Meeting.

MONTH 4: Bovenzi/Heartsong/Hewett: Qtrly grant rpts. Bovenzi/DeKatch; Supervise Task Force Officers, investigations and monitor overtime, supervise investigations, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Bovenzi/Negron: manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. DeKatch: Assist with planning and execution of the Violence and Gun Reduction Program.

MONTH 5: Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Maintain Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, coordinate large scale, multi agency take downs, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. DeKatch: Complete FBI Cleveland Gang Assessment.

MONTH 6: Bovenzi: Qtrly overtime rpt and statistical rpt. Bovenzi/Dekatch will hold a quarterly Heads of Agency meeting where the HOAs are given a complete "report card" of Task Force Activities, statistics, and budget matters. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. DeKatch: Prepare qtrly FBI reporting, Review of Federal Title 21 Deputation, firearms and tactics instruction.

MONTH 7: Bovenzi/Heartsong/Hewett: Qtrly grant rpts. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise drug invests, supervise Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Bovenzi: Monitor overtime. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records.

MONTH 8: Bovenzi: Monitor overtime. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. DeKatch: Firearms and tactics instruction, complete FBI Cleveland Gang Assessment. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Maintain statistics.

MONTH 9: Bovenzi: Qtrly overtime reports and statistical reporting. Bovenzi/Dekatch will hold a quarterly Heads of Agency meeting where the HOAs are given a complete "report card" of Task Force Activities, statistics, and budget matters. Bovenzi/Negron:

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Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. DeKatch: Review of Federal Title 21 Deputations, attend HOA Collaboration Meeting.

MONTH 10: Bovenzi/Heartsong/Hewett: Qtrly grant rpts. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. DeKatch: Assist with Planning and execution of the Violence and Gun Reduction Program. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Performance Appraisal for federal agency personnel assigned to the task force.

MONTH 11: Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. Bovenzi: attend Task Force Commander Seminar. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. DeKatch: Review and approve officer safety and intelligence reports.

MONTH 12: Bovenzi: Qtrly overtime rpts and statistical reporting. Bovenzi/Negron: Manage Impress Fund and Fiscal Records. Bovenzi/DeKatch: Supervise investigations and Officers, ensure deconfliction compliance, collect and maintain stats. Bovenzi: Enter stats in DISCO. DeKatch: Supervise training, complete Task Force Statistical Accomplishments and Case Summaries. Bovenzi/DeKatch will hold a quarterly Heads of Agency meeting where the HOAs are given a complete "report card" of Task Force Activities, statistics, and budget matters.

MONTH 13: Bovenzi/Heartsong/Hewett: Final Qtrly grant rpts.

Organization Capacity

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Cleveland Police is the lead law enforcement agency in Northern Ohio's largest city. They have effectively managed numerous comprehensive, grant-funded programs. They were the fiscal agent for the multi-agency, \$5 million Byrne TVCI grant that funded the start-up of the Northern Ohio Violence Crime Consortium program. They annually manage over 30 grants worth more than \$15 million. As with all grants managed by Cleveland, a separate sub-fund will be established for this grant so that all drawdown and expenditures can be tracked separately from any other funding sources.

The Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force is a collaborative effort of local, state, and federal law enforcement. NOLETF is collocated in the offices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. NOLETF targets major drug trafficking organizations operating in the Greater Cleveland Area and employs a multitude of methods to dismantle DTOs including Title III electronic surveillance, conventional surveillance, use of informants, money laundering investigations, and highway interdiction.

The NOLETF partners with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Domestic Highway Enforcement program and has utilized DHE resources and contacts to effect arrests and seizures along the southwest border and traditional drug corridors. The Cleveland Division of Police along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are the lead agency for NOLETF. They have established strong partnerships with all of the agencies that form the task force. The Ohio HIDTA provides investigative support for both task forces in the form of phone number analysis (this is the genesis of wire taps), research on targets, addresses, and de-confliction. The NOLETF is comprised of TFOs from local police agencies and federal agencies. The FBI has 6 agents assigned full time to the NOLETF. The five Cleveland police officers assigned full-time to this project fall under the umbrella of the Cleveland Police Narcotics Unit. In addition to the Cleveland detectives assigned to federal task forces full time, the Narcotics Unit is comprised of 4 squads: Heroin Invest Team, Prescription Compliance Squad, Gang Impact Squad and Package Interdiction, all of which have contributed in some way to support the NOLETF.

Since 2007 the NOLETF has:

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- In 2018, Operation "No Bad Mojo", which was a long term, wire tap investigation, resulted in the federal indictment of (12) individuals involved in the smuggling of kilo amount quantities of cocaine and heroin from Mexico to the greater Cleveland area.

Sgt. Joe Bovenzi is the acting co-commander of the NOLETF. He replaced Lt. Michael Connelly, who was promoted to Commander in December, 2018. Sgt. Bovenzi has been with the Cleveland Division of Police for 25 years. He was assigned as a Detective in the Second District Vice Unit for 10 years. He has been assigned to the Narcotics Unit for 10 years and has worked on the Major Case Squad and Package Interdiction Units. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in March of 2013 and has been assigned as the OIC of the Hotel Interdiction Unit since 2013. He has completed HIDTA's Drug Unit Task Force Commanders Training, and attended numerous classes pertaining to Drug and Financial Investigations.

FBI Special Agent Todd DeKatch became Co-Commander of NOLETF in 2013. He was a Michigan State Trooper from 1995-1999. He became a Special Agent in 1999, Assigned to Cleveland Division's Akron Resident Agency till 2013. He served Temporary Duty Assignment as Supervisory Special Agent from 2009-2011 at FBIHQ Safe Streets and Gangs Unit. He is now the Supervisory Special Agent Squad

Collaboration Board

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The Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force Collaboration Board (Head of Agencies Board) consists of representatives from the following agencies:

Cleveland Division of Police, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police.

The following agencies are also members but their updated letters of commitment are pending :
IRS, Lakewood Police, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Moreland Hills Police, DEA, Regional Transit Authority, U.S. Attorney (Northern District of Ohio) , FBI, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor.

They will be submitted as soon as possible.

NOLETF Head of Agency meetings are held quarterly. Attending these meetings are the police chiefs for all local departments providing personnel to the NOLETF, along with senior supervisory agents for all of the federal and regional law enforcement agencies providing personnel to the NOLETF. In addition, The chief of the Narcotics Unit for the U.S. Attorney's Office and a representative from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office attend the meetings . Minutes for all action taken at the Heads of Agency meeting are recorded. By having a Heads of Agency board fully engaged and supervising the NOLETF , in an era of dwindling financial dollars, achieving the state goals and objectives of the Task Force is insured or the participating departments and agencies would pull their resources.

Counties Served: NOLETF mainly serves Cuyahoga county. However, we serve Summit, Lake and Medina counties as needed or requested. We have conducted several investigations that have led into these other counties . Their sheriff's are not yet on the collaboration board.

Population Served: NOLETF serves a population of 2,224,276

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Executive Summary

The Executive Summary serves as a concise and accurate description of the proposed project. Information in the Summary is forwarded to the Governor's Office and other local, state and federal agencies for public information requests. Summary information must be submitted in the space provided.

The purpose statement is a clear concise statement that explains the purpose of the project. It describes what the applicant is going to do; the population that is going to be served; how it will be accomplished; and why it is important.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force is to bring together state, federal and local law enforcement agents and investigators in collocated space, adjacent to federal prosecutors, with close communication with local prosecutors to ensure that the most sophisticated investigative and prosecutorial resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups. The collocation of the investigators fosters the development of intelligence in a timely fashion which helps to facilitate the utilization of the information and provides maximum flexibility in selecting the means most likely to result in the disruption or dismantling of organized criminal activity. Like most major metropolitan areas, Greater Cleveland experiences unacceptable narcotics-related violent crime including homicides, assaults, burglaries, and other related crimes. Experience has demonstrated that the challenges presented by the more sophisticated of these trafficking groups are beyond the capability of any one law enforcement agency. However, the coordinated approach made possible by the NOLETF (formerly known as the Caribbean Gang Task Force) allows for the full implementation of sophisticated investigative techniques and provides the resources necessary to respond to this challenge. Heroin has emerged to be the dominant drug preferred by drug traffickers. Methamphetamine abuse is increasing. Importation and sales of bulk marijuana remains high due to the relatively low penalties and high profit margins. Because of its strategic location, the Greater Cleveland area is increasingly identified as a transshipment point for narcotics, which reach other communities within Ohio. In addition, due to the

legalization of marijuana in California, Colorado and Oregon, Greater Cleveland has seen an increase in the availability of marijuana in many different forms such as wax, edibles, oils and butters and capsules.

The task force targets organized gangs perpetrating these types of crimes and other entrenched sophisticated organized narcotics trafficking groups operating in the Greater Cleveland area; especially those organized drug gangs with a propensity for violence. Not surprisingly, law enforcement in the Cuyahoga County area continues to identify drug trafficking and its related violence as the major crime problem facing the community.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The greater Cleveland area has experienced unacceptable drug-related violent crime. An increase has been observed in the organized trafficking of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and non-traditional "club drugs". Experience has demonstrated that the challenges presented by sophisticated trafficking groups are beyond the capability of a law enforcement agency acting alone. However, the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force allows for the implementation of sophisticated investigative techniques, and provides the kind of resource necessary to respond to this challenge. The major issues the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) faces are:

- 1) An increase in drug trafficking organizations.
- 2) An increase in associated drug and gang violence.
- 3) Budget cuts in police departments throughout the Cleveland metropolitan area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The NOLETF is a multi-agency drug task force which brings together state, federal and local agents and investigators in co-located space, adjacent to federal prosecutors, to ensure that the most sophisticated investigative and prosecutorial resources are directed against organized drug trafficking groups. The co-location of the investigators fosters the development of intelligence in a timely fashion which helps to facilitate the use of the information and provides maximum flexibility in selecting the means most likely to result in the disruption or dismantling of organized criminal activity.

In order to impact the major issues facing the task force, the NOLETF will:

- 1) Continue to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) in 2019;
- 2) Enforcement agencies to coordinate efforts to curtail drug related violence and target violent gangs;

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3) Continue to foster working relationships with smaller police departments in the metropolitan area by enlisting their participation in the Task Force or assisting with drug enforcement efforts on a case-by-case basis when the department cannot participate full-time in the task force, and increase training provided to these departments.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES / COLLABORATION

The Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force Collaboration Board (Head of Agencies Board) consists of representatives from the following agencies:

Cleveland Division of Police, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police.

The following agencies are also members but their updated letters of commitment are pending :
IRS, Lakewood Police, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Moreland Hills Police, DEA, Regional Transit Authority,
U.S. Attorney, FBI, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor.

They will be submitted as soon as possible.

Consultants/Contracts

Consultant and Contract rates cannot exceed \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per 8-hour day.

Name	Hourly Fee	Hours	Total
Cuyahoga County Sheriff	\$46.00	286	\$13,156.00
Lakewood Police	\$46.00	283	\$13,018.00
Moreland Hills Police	\$46.00	283	\$13,018.00
CMHA Police	\$46.00	283	\$13,018.00
RTA Police	\$46.00	283	\$13,018.00
Westlake Police	\$46.00	283	\$13,018.00
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Consultants/Contracts Total:			\$78,246.00

Provide justification, method of procurement and basis of selection.

This represents a partial reimbursement of overtime incurred for investigators from separate county and local law enforcement agencies. These officers will be working on the program on a full-time basis. Their home agencies will pay their base salaries and benefits but will be reimbursed for a portion of their accrued overtime. The nature of the investigations worked by the Task Force is overtime intensive. Although we have taken steps to reduce overtime it remains a necessary expense. 25% of this expense will be the local match.

Travel

Mileage rate cannot exceed federal mileage rate.

If this page is not applicable, check this box and click **SAVE**.

A. Auto	No. Miles	Per Mile	Total
			\$0
			\$0
B. Commercial	Destination	Fare	Total
Airfare	Various	\$2,290.00	\$2,290.00
			\$0
C. Per Diem: (Meal & Lodging Only)	No. of days	Rate	Total
Lodging	30	\$156.00	\$4,680.00
Meals	30	\$56.00	\$1,680.00
D. Other: (Specify)	No. Items	Rate	Total
Training Seminars	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
Fuel for Cleveland-owned NOLETF vehicles	1	\$600.00	\$600.00
		Travel Total:	\$14,250.00

Provide justification for travel (Costs must relate to the project staff & objectives).

Travel expenses are required for travel outside the Cleveland area by investigators, analysts or supervisors assigned to the Task Force for investigative or training purposes. The purpose of such trips would be training, interview witnesses, arrests, court appearances, lead follow up, etc... The training seminar funding will be used to send task force officers to classes that will increase their knowledge and skills in investigating these major cases.

The fuel expense is for the 20 vehicles that are assigned to the task force. The vehicles are used for traveling to investigation scenes (often out of town), meetings, and training.

Exact details are not available yet. Two potential training seminars to be considered are the International Narcotics Interdiction Association Training (INIA) and the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE). The host cities for these seminars in 2020, are not established yet and are still pending. In 2019, (FY17 ODLEF) (5) members attended the DHE Conference and (2) members attended the INIA Conference. (2) members are also scheduled to attend training in Sandusky, Ohio. Attendance is dictated by a members availability, and pending case load of members.

These expenses are for Cleveland police officers who are members of the Task Force. 25% of this expense will be matching funds.

Other Costs

Audit costs are only supported for Non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal funds in the organization's fiscal year and are required to arrange for a single organization-wide audit.

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Other Charges	Cost	Terms	Total
Rent-Facilities			\$0
Cost of Ownership			\$0
Telephone			\$0
Utilities			\$0
Bookkeeping/Audit			\$0
Maintenance	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
Clerical			\$0
Auto Lease/ST Rental			\$0
Equipment Lease/ST Rental			\$0
Photocopying			\$0
Printing			\$0
Other (Specify) <u>GPS Data Fees</u>	\$350.00	12	\$4,200.00
Other (Specify) <u>LETS Corp Cell/Storage</u>	\$3,895.00	1	\$3,895.00
Other (Specify) <u>Professional Dues</u>	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
		Other Costs Total:	\$10,995.00

Provide justification for other costs; provide allocation methods where appropriate.

Maintenance is for the Task Force vehicles. Data fees for GPS units used to track covert vehicles. LETS Corp fees for undercover cell phone and data storage. Professional dues will be paid for membership in the Ohio Task Force Commanders Association. 25% of this category will be matching funds.

Confidential Funds (Applies to Drug Task Force Projects Only)

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Implementing Agency	Total
Confidential Funds	
\$113,324.00	\$113,324.00
Confidential Fund Total:	\$113,324.00

Provide justification for Confidential Funds.

Confidential funds are necessary for payment to informants, purchase of evidence (i.e., buy money for controlled purchases of drugs), surveillance costs (hotel rooms for drug buys, rental of undercover vehicles, payments for pen registers, trap and traces), and other investigative costs. 25% of this category will be matching funds.

Indirect Costs

Indirect Costs may not be used for match.

✓ If this page is not applicable, check this box and click **SAVE**.

Amount of Direct Costs Less Equipment	Percent 0 to 10% %	Total
		\$0
	Indirect Cost Total:	\$0

Provide justification for Indirect Cost.

Click the Browse button to upload a copy of your federally approved plan, then click **SAVE** to attach to the application.

Budget Request By Resource & Cost Category

	1. Matching Funds		2. OCJS Funds	3. Total
	Cash	Inkind		
1. Personnel	\$19,067.00		\$57,201.00	\$76,268.00
2. Consultant/Contracts	\$19,561.50		\$58,684.50	\$78,246.00
3. Travel	\$3,562.50		\$10,687.50	\$14,250.00
4. Equipment	\$9,937.50		\$29,812.50	\$39,750.00
5. Supplies	\$125.00		\$375.00	\$500.00
6. Other Costs	\$2,748.75		\$8,246.25	\$10,995.00
7. Confidential Funds	\$28,331.00		\$84,993.00	\$113,324.00
8. Indirect Cost				\$0
9. Total Project Budget	\$83,333.25	\$0	\$249,999.75	\$333,333.00
OCJS decision				

	Amount	Percentage	%
OCJS Funds Requested:	\$249,999.75		75.00%
Cash Match:	\$83,333.25		25.00%
In-Kind Match:	\$0		0.00%
Total Project Budget:	\$333,333.00		100.00%

Identify the Source of Match: Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Please list other Federal, State and Local funding sources received or projected to be received by your Agency in support of the proposed project. If funding is pending please state the projected award date.

Funding Source	Amount	Award Date	Projected Award Date (if applicable)
FY17 ODLEF	\$235,000.00	7/1/2018	

What other funding sources are received by your agency in support of your overall program?

Participating agencies contribute over \$1,500,000 per year in salaries for investigators. The U.S. Attorney's office provides office space, utilities, etc at a value of more than \$150,000 per year. The City of Cleveland has provided matching funds for these grants when required. We received \$226,022 from the Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grant in 2009, \$250,000 in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. We were awarded a supplemental 2017 ODLEF grant in the amount of \$177,612.83. We have received approximately \$85,000 annually through Byrne JAG grants.

Pre Award Conditions

On behalf of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), I am pleased to inform you that your Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Application 2018 application has been recommended for funding. In order to receive funding for your project, please address the attached conditions and provide any required forms or documents as requested. Please respond to the conditions no later than 6/5/2019

Please note that all conditions must be addressed to receive Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Application 2018 nding, and that failure to return this documentation by 6/5/2019 may jeopardize funding. For additional information or help regarding these conditions or forms, please contact your grants coordinator.

Section to attach documents in support of Pre-Award Conditions.

http://www.ocjsgrants.com/_Upload/429851_818430-FY18ODLEF-ClevelandNOLETF-ConfidentialFundsCert-Rev.pdf

1. Due to the end of the State's fiscal year, if projects plan to draw funds on 7/01/2019 Pre-Award Conditions MUST be completed no later than 6/5/2019.

Complete ✓

2. Please go back into your application and review/modify your previously submitted budget as is necessary. The budgeted costs should be detailed by line item and narrative information should be provided for each budgeted cost. Please incorporate any other pre-award conditions assigned into the budget as applicable. The budget may not exceed the following amounts: OCJS Funds = \$249,999.75; Match = \$83,333.25; Total Project Costs = \$333,333.00.

Complete ✓

3. Drug task forces are required to participate in the online de-confliction program. The de-confliction program is handled by Ohio HIDTA, specifically the Cleveland office. De-confliction must be done using Case Explorer. For further information, please contact John Glasgo at 216-739-3507 or john.glasgo2@ohiohidta.org.

Task forces must participate in mandatory event and subject deconfliction through the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Investigative Support Center

Complete ✓

4. Drug task forces are required to enter drug stats in the online Drug Incident Summary Overview (DISCO) program through the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC). The drug stats must be entered biweekly. For further information, please contact Richard Meadows at rmeadows@dps.ohio.gov

Complete ✓

5. Task Force Commanders are encouraged to attend the Ohio Task Force Commanders meetings. OCJS communicates grant, programmatic and reporting requirements through these meetings. Task Forces will be responsible for complying with requirements communicated through these meetings.

Complete ✓

6. All projects are responsible for keeping reports current and up to date. If not, projects could potentially receive reduced funding.

Complete ✓

7. All projects are responsible for keeping contact information current. Correspondence will often be sent through the online grants management system to the project director listed for the "organization." This is not the same as the project director listed on the title page. For more information on the organization project director, please refer to the user guide. It is also the project director's responsibility to ensure title page information is updated as well to keep records current. Please contact your grants coordinator with any questions.

Pre Award Conditions

Complete ✓

8. Projects are responsible for notifying OCJS of any investigations into the agency as well as any change of leadership within the Task Force.

Complete ✓

9. Peer review comments and subject matter expert comments are available for review within the online grants management system. The comments can be accessed by clicking on the Program Summary link, which is under the View, Edit and Complete Forms section.

Complete ✓

10. If federal and/or matching funds are requested for confidential funds in the detailed budget application, please upload the Confidential Funds Certificate. This certificate can be accessed at http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grant_forms.stm.

Complete ✓

11. Within Consultant/Contracts provide the names of agencies that will be reimbursed for OT hours.

Complete ✓

12. Within Travel, provide additional detail on airfare, how many people will be traveling and where are they traveling? Where is the conference?

Complete ✓

13. Within Equipment, provide additional detail justifying the equipment purchases. What kind of car? Provide a breakdown on the standard police vehicle equipment. What kind of computer tablets?

Complete ✓

14. Within the Problem Statement, elaborate more on the short/long term consequences if the project is not funded, provide detail on the target population.

Complete ✓

15. Within the Collaboration Board, clarification is needed for the Counties Served. Updated collaboration letters are needed for Dept. of Treasury, US Immigration and Customs enforcement, Shakerheights Police Department, US Department of Justice, Euclid Police Dept., Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga county Sheriff and Village of Moreland Hills Police Dept.

Complete ✓

16. Within the Timeline make sure to include OCJS quarterly reporting, OTFCA training and DISCO input.

Complete ✓

17.

Complete

18.

Complete

19.

Complete

20.

Complete

After the Grant Coordinator has acknowledged the Pre-Award conditions have been entered, click [HERE](#) to navigate to the screen for submitting your Pre-Award Conditions.

Project Director acknowledgement that Pre-Award conditions have been met. ✓

Pre Award Conditions

After the Project Director has acknowledged the Pre-Award conditions have been met, click [HERE](#) to navigate to the screen for submitting your Pre-Award Conditions, to send the pre-award conditions back to the grant coordinator. If you advance the status before saving the information, you lose all data

Grant Coordinator acknowledges the Pre-Award conditions have been cleared. ✓

Total OCJS Amount	\$249,999.75
Total Match Amount	\$83,333.25
Total Amount	\$333,333.00

Grant Planner acknowledges the Pre-Award conditions have been cleared. ✓

Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Application 2018

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