

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2021

Organization: Cleveland Department of Public Safety

2021-JG-A01-00263

Title Page

A. Program Area: ✓ A01 - Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces Programs
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B. Title of Project: Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force

C. Project Period: 1/1/2022 to: 12/31/2022 Extension:

D. Continuation of Subgrant Number: 2019-JG-A01-6444

E. Focus of Application: ✓ City County Township Village State

F. Budget Summary: OCJS Funds: \$150,000.00
 Cash Match: \$0
 In-kind Match: \$0
Total Budget: \$150,000.00

See Directives for Eligibility

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Vendor ID and Address code to be completed by OCJS:

Duns Number: 074303483

Non-State Agency OAKS Vendor ID OAKS Address Code

Primary Place of Performance:

City: Cleveland

State Agency OAKS Vendor ID Vendor Location

State: Ohio

Zip: 44113 - 1648

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Split Funding

06/02/2021

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 CGNL 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 CGNL 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 dominate 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.

Fentanyl is shipped from overseas, contributing to DTOs profiting off the disease of addiction and causing Cleveland to see hundreds of fatal and non-fatal overdoses every year.

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 CGNL 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 Task Force faces are:

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CGNL Task Force is a multi-agency drug task force which brings together state, federal and local agents and investigators in co-located space 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, CGNL will:

- 1) Continue to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) in 2022;

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- 2) Enforcement agencies to coordinate efforts to curtail drug related violence and target violent gangs ;
- 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 CGNL Task Force Collaboration Board (Head of Agencies Board) consists of representatives from the following agencies:

Cleveland Division of Police
US Attorney (Northern District of Ohio)
US Border Patrol
Internal Revenue Service
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Ohio Adult Parole
Bedford Police
Moreland Police
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
Cuyahoga County Sheriff
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

CGNL Head of Agency meetings are held quarterly. Attending these meetings are the police chiefs for all local departments providing personnel to CGNL, along with senior supervisory agents for all of the federal and regional law enforcement agencies providing personnel to CGNL. 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 CGNL, 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 .

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Budget Request By Resource & Cost Category

	1. Matching Funds		2. OCJS Funds	3. Total
	Cash	Inkind		
1. Personnel			\$27,031.43	\$27,031.43
2. Consultant/Contracts			\$29,999.43	\$29,999.43
3. Travel			\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
4. Equipment			\$6,150.00	\$6,150.00
5. Supplies			\$500.00	\$500.00
6. Other Costs			\$5,550.00	\$5,550.00
7. Confidential Funds			\$71,769.14	\$71,769.14
8. Indirect Cost			\$0	\$0
9. Total Project Budget	\$0	\$0	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
OCJS decision				

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)
FY20 Ohio Drug Law Enf	\$157,895.00		7/1/2021

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 City of Cleveland has provided matching funds for these grants when required.

We receive Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grants annually.

We have received approximately \$105,000 - \$150,000 annually through these Byrne JAG grants.

	Amount	Percentage %
OCJS Funds	\$150,000.00	100.00
Requested:		
Cash Match:	\$0	0.00
In-Kind Match:	\$0	0.00
Total Project Budget:	\$150,000.00	100.00