

Scope of Services/Project Narrative Justice Assistance Grant

PROBLEMS FOR INTERVENTION

The 99th Judicial Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement entity that serves approximately 378,724 people throughout Scollon, Brinkman, French, Morton, and Pitt counties in the State of Tennessee.

Recognizing that drug distribution activities spread over large regions – ignoring the artificial boundaries of individual jurisdictions – law enforcement and prosecutors in the 99th judicial district of Tennessee have constructed a task force in order to meld the talents of individual agencies into an effective whole.

The task force operates under the supervision of the District Attorney General's Office and is managed by a board made up of representatives from its member law enforcement agencies which provide additional support through the donation of funds, manpower, or equipment on an annual basis.

The 99th task force contains the following agencies: Scollon County Sheriff's Office, Brinkman County Sheriff's Office, French County Sheriff's Office, City of Frenchville Police Department, Morton County Sheriff's Office, Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations Scollon County, Tennessee ranked #3 in total number of methamphetamine labs seized in the State of Tennessee. The Department of Children's Services ranks the 99th Judicial District as #2 in the number of children removed from homes as a result of Methamphetamine lab exposure. These figures are demonstrative of the problem currently faced in this region as area law enforcement have seen the spread of meth cross jurisdictions into neighboring Brinkman, and French counties who are ranked 6th, and 8th, in total number of lab seizures.

The seriousness of the 99th district's methamphetamine problem combined with the movement of the crime across county jurisdictions creates a set of circumstances necessitating the intervention of a multi-jurisdictional task force which will be able to more easily follow the drug trade and production throughout the region.

PURPOSE Needs

The 99th Judicial Drug Task Force is seeking a total of \$87,500 for salaries, equipment, supplies, and travel expenses for 21 months.

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Just describe the major drug related problems in your area. It may be similar to what you used last year.

The \$50,000 in grant funding per year will cover approximately 33% of our operating budget. The task force operates on a budget of approximately \$150,000 per year. The 99th possesses \$87,000 in available funds making this funding important as the 99th DTF would have a difficult time covering even its basic operational expenses much less unforeseen circumstances without additional funding.

Goals

The goal of the 99th Judicial District is to curb the rise in methamphetamine in the area by shutting down clandestine labs, seizing their stores, and arresting those who have been involved in its production and trade.

The specific goals for this project are as follows:

1. To disrupt criminal enterprise through the arrest of individuals involved in the sale of illegal drugs and violent crime with a focus on methamphetamine.
2. Eliminate the availability of illegal drugs by seizing illicit stores of narcotics and dismantling clandestine production facilities with a focus on methamphetamine.

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INPUTS

The 99th DTF is currently comprised of one director, an assistant director, six full time agents, three part time agents, and one administrative assistant.

The Board of Directors acts as a governing body for the 99th Task Force and is comprised of the Sheriffs of Scollon, Brinkman, Morton, French, and Pitt counties along with the Chief of Police in Frenchville. This body meets monthly along with the District Attorney General, the DTF Director, and Administrative Assistant in order to receive regular updates on task force activity, review financial information, share information, and provide guidance on task force operations.

The following departments are represented on the Board of Directors and contribute the following annually:

Scollon County Sheriff's Office:	\$20,000, 2 fulltime agents and 2 vehicles.
Brinkman County Sheriff's Office :	\$15,000, 1 fulltime agents and 1 vehicle.
Morton County Sheriff's Office:	\$10,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
French County Sheriff's Office:	\$10,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
Pitt County Sheriff's Office:	\$5,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
Frenchville Police Department:	\$1,500

The following law enforcement departments are within the 99th judicial district but do not provide any funding, personnel, or equipment to the Task Force. Their administration may attend board meetings but do not have a vote in the proceedings.

City of Scollon Police Department
City of Brinkman Police Department
Township of Morton Police Department

ACTIVITIES

The 99th Drug Task Force will attempt to place one of its agents undercover utilizing information provided by a confidential informant. This agent will attempt to infiltrate and build cases against methamphetamine manufactures and distributors in the area utilizing undercover surveillance and controlled drug buys.

It is expected that these cases will take approximately nine months to build. When the District Attorney's Office believes they have sufficient evidence to proceed with prosecution grand jury indictments will be obtained and executed in a joint venture between the DTF, local law enforcement, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Marshals Service so that wanted persons can be arrested promptly and before they have an opportunity to abscond to other areas of the country.

Due to the nature of this operation it is not expected to bear immediate fruit, for the purposes of grant reporting, as much of the information obtained on illegal activities will be held in confidence until the grand jury presentments are made.

However, in addition to the primary operation described above it is expected that agents of the DTF will be able to build cases against and apprehend street-level dealers who are not integral to the overall operation throughout the grant reporting period.

Grant funds will specifically support these operations by providing a portion of the salaries for the investigators and office personnel involved in all cases as well as the equipment and office supplies necessary to maintain basic operations.

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INTENDED OUTPUTS (Products)

The activities described above will lead to the following outputs:

- Total number of individuals arrested based on task force activity: 65
- Total number of individuals arrested with a felony: 55
- Total number of arrestees charged with drug charges: 50
- Total amount of Methamphetamine seized: 8,760 grams

- Total amount of Methamphetamine seized from clandestine labs: 3,080 grams
- Number of drug labs shut down: 6

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INTENDED OUTCOMES (Results)

1. Shut down drug manufacturing or processing locations.

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In the long term the number of methamphetamine lab closures will decrease. It is initially expected that Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) methamphetamine statistics for the number of children removed from homes and the number of methamphetamine lab seizures in Scollon County will increase as a result of increased enforcement.

However, in the year following the grant period Scollon County is expected to fall from #3 in the state in methamphetamine lab seizures to below #10 as methamphetamine offenders are either incarcerated, forced to leave the area, or terminate their illegal activities.

The decrease of methamphetamine labs in Scollon County is expected to positively impact Brinkman and French counties moving their lab seizure statistics outside of the top fifteen (15) counties in the state.

DATA COLLECTION

Arrest and offense data will be collected using the 99th Judicial Drug Task Force's record management system Drug Trak in conjunction with offense reports which are entered into the TNCops central for upload to TIBRS. Arrest and offense data is generated by DTF agents through case reporting.

Drug weights will first be determined by DTF agents following the seizure of any substance which is believed to be a narcotic and will then be updated based upon the findings of any Tennessee Bureau of Investigation laboratory tests. Drug weights are also entered into the Drug Trak system.

It is the duty of the DTF administrative assistant, Francine, to generate the reports using Drug Trak which will allow the 99th DTF to compile the statistics necessary for grant reporting. The measures related to grant outcomes as well as the Office of Criminal Justice Programs annual report will be updated on a monthly basis and reported quarterly as required by the OCJP Administrative Manual.

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In order to comply with PMT/OCJP reporting standards the <JUD_NUM> Judicial Drug Task Force will assure that the following data is recorded through its data collection procedures to be track and reported quarterly as well as on the annual report.

- Number of investigations initiated.
- Number of investigations that are drug related.
- Number of cases closed.
- Number of individuals arrested based on task force activity.
- Number of individuals arrested on a misdemeanor charge.
- Number of misdemeanor arrests that were drug related.
- Number of individuals arrested on a felony charge.
- Number of felony arrests that were drug related.
- Number of *gang members only* arrested.
- Number of firearms seized.
- Number of seized firearm serial numbers that were put into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).
- Number of seized firearms traced through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- Number of **Federal forfeiture cases** filed.
- The value of assets seized (in dollars) under federal cases.
- Value of seized assets in federal cases that were drug related.
- Number of **State forfeiture cases** filed.
- The value of assets seized (in dollars) under state cases.
- Value of seized assets in state cases that were drug related.
- Number of gangs disrupted.
- Number of gangs dismantled.

- Number of drug-trafficking and money-laundering organizations disrupted.
- Number of drug-trafficking and money-laundering organizations dismantled.
- Amount of Cocaine (crack) seized.
- Amount of Cocaine (powder) seized.
- Amount of Ecstasy (MDMA) seized.
- Amount of Heroin seized.
- Amount of Marijuana (commercial grade, hydroponic, synthetic/spice) seized.
- Amount of Methamphetamine seized.
- Amount of Methamphetamine (ice) seized.
- Amount of Pseudoephedrine seized.
- Amount of Psilocybin seized.
- Amount of Prescription Pills seized.
- Amount of Salvia seized.
- Amount of Steroids seized.
- Amount of "other" seized
 - If other, please specify
- Amount of Cocaine (crack) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Cocaine (powder) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Ecstasy (MDMA) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Heroin seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Marijuana (commercial grade, hydroponic, synthetic/spice) seized from clandestine labs.
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- The numbers of Marijuana grow sites destroyed.
- The number of drug labs shut down.
- The number of drug processing locations shut down.
- Number of community meetings held during the reporting period.
- Number of community meetings that were drug or related.

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