



Stimulus Funds to Purchase ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS): High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program

Program Description and Funding Level

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program enhances and coordinates drug control efforts among local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies. The program provides state and local agencies with coordination, equipment, technology, and additional resources to combat drug trafficking and its harmful consequences in critical regions of the U.S. Sites must be designated by the Director of National Drug Control Policy (the Drug Czar), in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Homeland Security, heads of the national drug control program agencies, and the appropriate governors. Each HIDTA is governed by its own Executive Board comprised of approximately 16 members—eight federal members and eight state or local members. These Boards facilitate interagency drug control efforts to eliminate or reduce drug threats. The Executive Boards ensure threat specific strategies and initiatives are developed, employed, supported and evaluated. The stimulus and what is expected in FY 2009 should total approximately \$230 million.

Eligible Use of Funds

Funds may be used for a host of drug interdiction activities. That may include crime fighting and prevention. Funds must be used to disrupt or dismantle drug trafficking organizations. The use of gunshot location systems has proven effective at meeting these two objectives and is, therefore, eligible.

How Funds Are Allocated and Distributed

Each HIDTA competes for funds from the available nationwide appropriation. Criteria and process are established each year by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Eligible HIDTAs apply to that office for funding.

Match

There is no local matching requirement for Project Safe Neighborhoods grants.

How to Access These Funds for Your Community

1. Contact the HIDTA coordinator for your area, a list of which is included.
2. Determine the priorities for that area's interdiction efforts. If it does not include use of gunshot location systems, petition the program coordinator and the governing board to expand the breadth of the program to include that element.
3. Follow up to ensure that the HIDTA program coordinator includes gunshot location system utilization in its annual application to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.



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