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President Bush's recent budget proposal to Congress includes reducing the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program funding from \$227 million in FY2005 to \$100 million for FY2006. Additionally, the administration's budget moves the program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to the Department of Justice under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program (OCDETF). The HIDTA Program provides infrastructure support and resources to establish or increase the capabilities of federal, state, and local intelligence driven enforcement task forces, which operationally impact regional and national drug markets. The national drug epidemic is in reality a network of related and unrelated regional and local drug abuse problems and the markets that supply them. Illicit drugs flow to drug markets and population centers much like any other business model. As one part of a larger market disruption strategy, HIDTA targets the most significant trafficking and distribution markets in the United States. A targeted strategy, implemented locally, produces greater immediate impact; while at the same time provides avenues for further investigation into national and international trafficking groups.

The level of direct HIDTA funding support to these metropolitan areas will be severely impacted by the proposed reduction in funding and move to the federal OCDETF Program at the Department of Justice. The chart below indicates the level of HIDTA funding for the top 40 Statistical Metropolitan Areas. This support is at risk of elimination if the Administration's budget proposal goes unchanged.

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b>	<b>FY2005 HIDTA Funding Base</b>
New York/ New Jersey	\$11,624,441.00
Los Angeles/ Long Beach	\$9,267,055.00
Chicago	\$8,563,662.00
Philadelphia/ Camden	\$3,655,816.00
Dallas/ Ft. Worth	\$2,494,464.00
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	\$11,832,063.00
Washington DC/Arlington/NVA	\$6,496,944.00
Houston	\$8,162,000.00
Detroit	\$490,000.00
Boston/Cambridge	\$380,000.00

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b>	<b>FY2005 HIDTA Funding Base</b>
Honolulu	\$1,797,620.00
San Francisco/Oakland	\$1,455,930.00
Riverside/San Bernardino	\$2,422,622.00
Phoenix.Mesa	\$1,710,130.00
Seattle	\$841,415.00
San Diego	\$9,907,701.00
St. Louis	\$1,039,020.00
Baltimore	\$1,424,982.00
Tampa/ St. Petersburg	\$831,516.00
Denver	\$2,476,645.00
Cleveland	\$1,253,452.00
Cincinnati	\$140,055.00
Portland	\$304,652.00
San Juan PR	\$5,852,949.00
Kansas City	\$1,838,978.00
Sacramento	\$286,306.00
San Jose	\$992,324.00
San Antonio	\$3,124,128.00
Orlando	\$1,067,177.00
Columbus	\$333,733.00
Providence/New Bedford	\$285,000.00
Milwaukee	\$2,827,617.00
Las Vegas	\$1,242,588.00
New Orleans	\$1,314,866.00
Hartford	\$140,000.00
Jacksonville FL	\$1,071,129.00
Oklahoma City	\$413,820.00
Birmingham AL	\$257,132.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$113,139,317.00</b>