



## **WHAT IS THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) PROGRAM?**

### **THE HIDTA Program**

- The placement and structure of the HIDTA Program within ONDCP was part of the original authorizing statute passed by Congress in 1988.
- The HIDTA Program is a partnership of Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies that provides Federal grant funds to areas determined to be critical drug trafficking regions of the United States.
- HIDTA is not a typical grant program; it funds strategies developed and implemented at the local level by a coalition of Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners.

### **THE NATIONAL FOOTPRINT**

- There are 33 designated HIDTAs covering areas in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.
- The HIDTA Program is present in 99 of the Nation's top 100 most populated metropolitan areas.

### **CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Congressional appropriations for the HIDTA Program have steadily increased:

2017: \$254 million  
2018: \$280 million  
2019: \$280 million  
2020: \$285 million  
2021: \$290 million

### **STRUCTURE**

- Each of the 33 regional HIDTA programs has an executive board that:  
Includes equal representation of Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial members;
- Identifies the regional and local threats and develops and annual strategy to address them;
- Exercises local discretion to allocate and manage funding;
- Measures and reports performance; and
- Hires a HIDTA director to undertake the daily administration of the HIDTA

## GOALS

- Each regional HIDTA seeks to achieve two primary goals:
- Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2020, the HIDTA Program accomplished the following:

- 3,009 drug trafficking or money laundering organizations disrupted or dismantled.
- \$17.6 billion in drugs (wholesale) removed from the marketplace.
- 93,511 drug-related arrests and over 37,676 fugitives apprehended.
- 48,142 officers, agents, analysts, and support staff trained on drug-related topics.
- 254,364 event de-conflictions for more than 3,953 law enforcement agencies.

## UNIQUE FEATURES

- The HIDTA Program is the only Federal law enforcement grant program requiring shared Federal and state/local decisions for resource allocation.
- ONDCP provides neutral oversight, leaving operational decisions to balanced Executive Boards.
- HDTAs advance the President's National Drug Control Strategy through close coordination with ONDCP.
- The structure promotes innovation and flexibility, rapidly delivering Federal funds to address emerging threats.
- HDTAs promote ground-breaking collaboration between law enforcement, public health, and prevention partners.

