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**Project Mission Statement**

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The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force is a multi- agency/multi-jurisdictional unit dedicated to the enforcement of narcotics laws of the State of Arizona and the suppression of criminal gang activities, with particular attention to street gangs, biker gangs, prison gangs and drug trafficking organizations/cartels. The task force mission is to

disrupt, interdict, and dismantle drug trafficking and drug organizations in order to reduce criminal activity within our community. Through city, county, state and federal inter-agency cooperative investigations, the Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force is focused on identifying targets and initiating investigations on individuals, gangs or drug trafficking organizations involved in cultivation, manufacturing, sale, transporting, distribution, and use of narcotics or dangerous drugs in and outside of Gila County. This focus helps us to protect life, property, and the rights of individuals, citizens, and the community both in Gila County and outside of Gila County by using this multi-agency effort.

The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force takes on the responsibility of providing training such as K-9 drug interdiction, tactical SWAT clandestine lab entries, marijuana cultivation, and electronic support services. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force also assist's and initiates investigations and shares resources and intelligence within and outside of Gila County. By providing drug presentations in partnership with the Meth Coalition, community involvement and public demonstrations, an educational drug awareness within Gila County, Pinal County, the San Carlos School districts, and the Gila County mining industry is accomplished.

It is through all the cooperative partnerships among the groups that the Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force has attained successful interdictions, apprehensions and prosecutions of subjects involved in illicit drug trade and associated crimes within and outside of Gila County.

### **Problem Statement**

Identify the problem in your community that the grant funded program will address. Be very specific and include statistical data to define the severity of the identified problems. *Response is limited to 7,000 characters, including spaces.*

Enter narrative below:

The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force serves an approximate population of 54,000 people within a County that has very remote and rugged to open high desert landscape. Gila County being a border area is a major corridor for human smuggling and trafficking of drugs from Mexico through Arizona and its bordering states. Approximately 56% of Gila County is federal forest and state land. The Tonto National Forest area is very conducive to the cultivation of marijuana due to its abundant water supply, elevation, and vast remote forest land. Marijuana grow sites that we have encountered are generally at the bottom of mountainous steep ravines, with no direct trails that lead into the grow site. Suspects do this for several reasons; to gain water flow from the upper elevation to the grow site, access to the grow site is limited to law enforcement, and the grow site is hidden from aerial surveillance. During 2007/2008 the collaboration between the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force, Phoenix P.D., D.E.A., D.P.S., and the U.S. Forest Service disrupted/dismantled one major D.T.O. operating out of Mexico in California and Arizona. Because of the miles of roadway and large amount of unmaintained forest service roads, Gila County has become the seventh largest marijuana producing forest in the United States. The primary suspects in grow sites, sales, distribution and smuggling are undocumented aliens. As a result, a language barrier is encountered as well as identifying the suspects. This is indicative of the involvement of large drug organizations / D.T.O.'s inside and outside the United States. The grow sites also have a direct impact on the public safety. Suspects are known to be armed and have fired upon unsuspecting hikers, campers, hunters, and forest service personnel who accidentally stumbled upon or near a grow site. This occurred in 2006 when U.S. Forest Service personnel responded to a call of hunters who were shot at, resulting in finding armed undocumented aliens who were guarding a marijuana grow site and one was shot by Forest Service personnel during the encounter. Environmental issues are also a concern to the forest area due to the increased fire hazards from unsafe propane usage, unattended fires, destruction/cutting of forest trees and brush. The use of fertilizers and pesticides, processing and packaging materials, and human waste / garbage that is left behind also becomes a concern to the forest environment.

2. The Gila County School District juvenile population is affected by the primary drugs of choice, methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs, spice and bath salts. The trend indicates we are not only seeing this with the juvenile population but in the adult population as well, therefore the abuse is remaining static. In 2010/2011 four teenagers became victims of an overdose of prescription drugs. At present according to the local Gila County hospitals, this is showing an increase on hospital and emergency room admissions.

3. The Gila County area is a major drug corridor in the State of Arizona and the United States. Gila County has identified four (4) major drug corridor routes; State Highway 77 from Tucson to Interstate 40, U.S. Highway 60 from Phoenix through Gila County, through the state of New Mexico, and U.S. Highway 70 from Lordsburg, New Mexico through Gila County to Interstate 40, and State Highway 87 from the Phoenix Metropolitan Area through Gila County to Interstate 40. The sparse population in Gila County has a small tax base therefore limiting available resources. The Gila County topography consists of vast high desert, mountainous and forest areas covering 4,767.70 square miles. The cities of Phoenix, Tucson, Lordsburg, and other metropolitan areas within the Phoenix metropolitan area have all been deemed drug source cities in the United States by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). With Phoenix being the fifth largest city in the United States and Tucson following close behind, these are two of the largest smuggling points for illicit drugs, human smuggling, and undocumented aliens in the United States. These source cities are drug distribution locations

that are utilized by drug trafficking organizations from Mexico, Columbia and Asian Countries. The poly smuggling of drugs and associated criminal activity affects Gila County, the surrounding counties and Arizona's sister states with violence, drug sales and identity theft. Street level drug activity has resulted in an increased number of domestic violence calls, theft, burglaries, auto theft, and aggravated assault investigations for all jurisdictions within Gila County.

4. The majority of the cases being investigated are for either the use or the sale of methamphetamine, prescription drugs, heroin, spice, bath salts, cocaine, and marijuana within our local area. The following statistics below will reflect this.

July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 the task force conducted 91 drug related arrests and 91 other arrests. During this time 15,067 marijuana plants were seized and eradicated as well as 999.19 pounds of marijuana. Other related statistical data is as follows:

- Methamphetamines seized - (95.41) grams
- Heroin seized -(3.5) grams
- Prescription Drugs - (31) dosages (pills) of various narcotics
- Interdiction stops - (1,147)
- Drug Presentations - (12 with 972 attendees)
- Undocumented Aliens detained / arrested - (35)
- Agency Assists - (192)
- Knock and talks - (29)
- Search Warrants - (26)
- Weapons seized - (4) handguns
- Cash seized - (\$13,636.00)
- Vehicles seized - (7)
- Hospice calls - (4) (narcotics for destruction)

March 1, 2011 through March 23, 2012 Task Force conducted 170 drug related arrests and 116 other arrests. During this time 3,875 marijuana plants were seized and eradicated as well as 994.19 pounds of marijuana. Other related statistical data is as follows:

- Hashish - (28.8) grams
- Spice - (7.0) grams
- Ecstasy - (6) tablets
- Methamphetamines - (7.87) pounds
- Heroin - (8.12) grams
- Cocaine - (2.22) pounds
- Prescription drug - (157) pills
- Interdiction stops - 1575
- Drug presentations - (37) with (2107) attendees
- Undocumented aliens detained - (11)
- Agency assist - (316)
- Knocks and talks - (88)
- Search warrants - (30)
- Weapons seized (1) brass knuckles, (2) knives, (6) handguns, (2) rifles, and (1) medieval mace with metal spikes and chain
- Cash seized - (\$12,212.00)
- Vehicle seized - (9) vehicle, (1) horse trailer and (1) racking mule
- Other items seized - (1) laptop, (5) cell phones
- Hospice calls - (88) (narcotics for destruction)
- Recovered stolen property - (1) laptop, keys to liquor establishment, (3) rifles, (1) television, (1) wallet, (1) motorcycle
- Warrant roundup - (2) details

**In comparing statistical data from the years of July 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011 to March 1, 2011 to present March 23, 2012, the data shows an upswing on drug trafficking in the Gila County area. This upswing in drug tracking is reflected with additional drugs such as cocaine, hashish, spice, and ecstasy showing up in our community as noted below.**

Other data comparisons of drug increases and task force activity are as follows:

- methamphetamines (3641%) increase
- heroin (132%) increase
- prescription pills (406%) increase

cocaine (100%) increase  
hashish (100%) increase  
spice (100%) increase  
ecstasy (100%) increase  
drug presentations (208%) increase given to (117%) increase in attendees  
agency assist (65%) increase  
knock and talks (203%) increase  
search warrants (15%) increase  
hospice call (2100%) increase

5. The Crossing Hospice Care and Home Health Resources in Globe in coordination with the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force will continue to try to curtail the availability of narcotic pharmaceutical prescription drugs ending up on the streets. This situation seems to take place after a deceased individual's medications are given to the next of kin. To restrict this issue the Gila County Task Force coordinates with the Crossing Hospice Care Center by taking possession of these narcotics for destruction. With this implemented collaborated agreement between the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force and Crossing Hospice, an employee who was accused of not destroying a patient's narcotic medications properly subsequently was cleared of this issue due to the task force being able to show documented records of the items placed in the Gila County Sheriff's evidence locker for destruction.

6. With the past and current budget restraints, the Gila County Sheriff's Office has been kept to a minimal hiring base of new personnel which directly affects the task force personnel which can be assigned to the task force side of law enforcement in Gila County. Added to this is the recent injury to a K-9 handler in the Payson area attached to the task force which has made him an inoperative member for approximately (2) months and possibly an additional (3) months from this date. Additionally the task force personnel will be affected by the loss of another agent attached to the task force who is severing his employment to run for an elected office in Gila County.

#### **Project Summary**

Provide a summary of the program the ACJC grant funds will support. Include how the program addresses the problem in the community, what services are provided, the population served, why it is important, and how it is unique. *Response is limited to 7,000 characters, including spaces.*

Enter narrative below:

1. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force serve an approximate population of 54,000 people within a County that has very remote and rugged to open high desert landscape. Due to the abundant water supply and rugged landscape of the forest area the terrain is conducive to illicit marijuana cultivation. The Gila County Community has seen an upswing of street drugs such as methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs, spice, and bath salts. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force will continue its coordinated and collaborative efforts with the mentioned partners and participants to continue investigating, disrupting drug trafficking, gathering and sharing intelligence, providing training, drug awareness presentations and community based drug deterrents.
2. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force will conduct coordinated efforts with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gila County Sheriff's Office, Gila County Adult and Juvenile Probation, Globe Police Department, Hayden Police Department, Miami Police Department, Payson Police Department and, the United States Marshall's Office in conducting warrant roundups of drug and violent crime offenders. In addition, the task force will team up with the Gila County Meth Coalition, Community Bridges, the Gila County Attorney's Office, the Boys and Girl Club, community civic organizations, the Gila County and San Carlos School districts in providing drug awareness and K-9 demonstrations within the Gila County community. At present we have (2) D.U.I. checkpoint details planned in northern and in southern Gila County in partnership with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gila County Sheriff's Office, Globe Police Department, Miami Police Department, Payson Police Department, and the Tonto Apache Tribal Police Department. The task force will team up with K-9 units from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gila County Sheriff's Office, Globe Police Department, Payson Police Department and the United States Forest Service in conducting a drug interdiction / saturation of the major routes running through Gila County such as US 60, State Routes 70, 77, and 87. The task force will continue all case investigations with the involvement of our current participants, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, US Department of Drug Enforcement, US Forest Service, Phoenix Police Department, Gila County Sheriff's Office, and the Payson Police Department.
3. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force will continue providing drug awareness and training to the public sectors and assistance to the law enforcement agencies in and outside of Gila County.

4. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force will continue its collaborative efforts with the Crossing Hospice Care Center in destroying prescription medications that may otherwise find their way to the people in our community.
5. The Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force is an important and unique entity within Gila County because the task force brings together the intelligence, law enforcement agencies, tools, and needed personnel to start, complete, and prosecute cases that would otherwise go uninvestigated. As an example, the Gila County Task Force responds to the investigative needs of the Town of Miami and the Globe Police Department due to the absence of criminal investigators in their agencies. Additionally the task force combines its personnel with the Payson Police Department in conducting their case investigations.

### **Project Collaboration**

Programs must demonstrate a strong collaborative effort in *each* of these areas: law enforcement, prosecution, service providers, community organizations and other social service agencies. List the public and private organizations your agency collaborates with in connection with your grant (excluding participating agencies already identified in the 'General Information' section).

Enter narrative below:

### **Local Agencies**

Apache County Sheriff's Office - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates efforts to conduct case investigations, intelligence, and supplies personnel during major forest fires such as the 2011 (Wallow Fire).

Apache County ACCENT - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that may be conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

Chandler Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, narcotic reversals, and warrants. K-9 training is also coordinated between Chandler P.D. and the task force.

Department of Economic Security- The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with D.E.S. providing intelligence-driven casework that supports both the Task Force projects as well as the Department of Economic Security.

Gila County Attorney's Office - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates and promotes the legal interests of the county and promotes public safety by sharing the legal ramifications for drug abuse offenders in our communities. The Gila County Attorney's Office handles all the prosecutions, asset forfeiture and contracts to suspect use in case investigations along with legal opinions in coordination with the task force on case investigations.

Gila County Attorney's Office Diversion Division - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates knock and talk and search warrant activities during their home diversion visits of suspects on the diversion program.

Gila County Adult Probation Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with probation personnel on home visits and intelligence reference to subject(s) who are on probation and who may be involved in current criminal activity.

Gila County Juvenile Detention Center - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force K-9 Unit collaborates with the detention staff on random K-9 narcotic drug sniff's of the detention center and juvenile housing areas.

Gila County Sheriff's Office - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates investigations and assists in providing resource information to trustees about support and staying away from drugs once they are released. Additionally, they survey trustees on the familiarity with drugs, drug use and drug accessibility in the community to help define which areas the Meth Coalition and the Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force need to focus on for future programs and investigations.

Glendale Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinated interdiction efforts during Title 3 investigations.

Globe Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force K9 Sergeant coordinated efforts in K9 training of their narcotics detection K9 through 2012. The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force also assist the Globe Police Department with their investigative case work due to the absence of criminal investigation personnel in their agency.

Globe Fire Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force K9 Sergeant coordinated efforts in locating, purchasing and training of a new arson detection K9 in 2011. Continued training for the certification of the K-9 is an on going

collaboration.

Hayden Police Department - The law enforcement agency in the town of Hayden and Winkleman supports the Gila County Meth Coalition by providing officer's to assist with presentations to local schools on the dangers of drugs. Their role within the Meth Coalition presentation helps tie in recent and plausible examples from the area.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Clandestine Drug Lab Task Force reference meth lab investigations, marijuana cultivation, and suspect intelligence.

Mesa Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate efforts with the Mesa Police Department Narcotics Unit on cases that involve suspects from the Gila County area living the Mesa area.

Miami Fire Department - The law enforcement agency in the town of Miami supports the Gila County Meth Coalition by providing officers to assist with presentations to the local schools on the dangers of drugs. Their role within the Meth Coalition presentations helps tie in recent and plausible examples from the area.

Payson Police Department - The law enforcement agency in the town of Payson supports the Gila County Meth Coalition by providing officers to assist with presentations to the local schools on the dangers of drugs. Their role within the Meth Coalition presentations helps tie in recent and plausible examples from the area. The Payson Police Department is also an active participant on daily case investigations.

Pima County Sheriff's Office-The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs and warrants.

Pinal County Sheriff's Office-The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs and warrants.

Phoenix Police Department Narcotics/Criminal Investigation Division - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force join forces to gather intelligence, creating a data base on suspects involved in marijuana cultivation, and drug activity in the Phoenix metropolitan area with a nexus to Gila County. The Phoenix Police Department is also an active participant on daily case investigations.

Phoenix Police Department Fugitive Task Force - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force teams up with the Phoenix Police Department Fugitive Task Force with intelligence on wanted suspects that have a nexus to Gila County area.

Show Low Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs and warrants.

Snowflake / Taylor Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs and warrants.

Superior Police Department - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Superior Police Department investigator by providing electronic surveillance equipment, personnel, and physical surveillance of drug targets in their area.

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office-The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force cooperate with each other on any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs and warrants.

Yavapai County PANT - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force cooperate with each other on any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

Navajo County MCAT - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force cooperate with each other on any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

### **State Agencies**

Arizona Attorney General's Office Assesst Forfeiture Unit - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force works in partnership with the Arizona Attorney General's Forfeiture Unit in processing assesst forfeiture cases that may not be able to be handled at the county level.

Arizona Department of Child Protective Services - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force works together with the Arizona Department of Child Protective Services in Gila County to facilitate their case work as well as new drug cases that may involve juvenile(s) in a dangerous or violent atmosphere.

Arizona Department of Corrections - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any identified intelligence on gang members in the Gila County area as well as suspect(s) housed in the Gila County Sheriff's Office Jail and/or the Arizona Department of Corrections Globe Prison complex.

Arizona Department of Game and Fish - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Arizona Department of Game and Fish during marijuana cultivation investigations.

Arizona Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Division - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates efforts with narcotic interdictions through their K-9 units and uniform personnel working the major thoroughfares such as US 60, State Route 70, State Route 77, State Route 188, State Route 288 and State Route 87.

Arizona Department of Public Safety GITEM - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any identified intelligence on gang members in the Gila County area as well as suspect(s) housed in the Gila County Sheriff's Office Jail and/or the Arizona Department of Corrections Globe Prison complex.

Arizona Department of Public Safety Special Operations Unit/Explosive Ordinance Division/Criminal Investigations Division - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Clandestine Drug Lab Task Force, D.E.A., and the Arizona Department of Public Safety reference meth lab investigations. The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force also provides instruction on clandestine meth lab entries during the Department of Public Safety SWAT School. The Department of Public Safety is also an active participant on daily case investigations.

HIDTA-Phoenix - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates information gathered on any criminal activity in and outside of the Gila County area.

RISSAFE - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates information gathered on any criminal activity in and outside of the Gila County area.

#### **Out of State Agencies**

Alamogordo Police Department, Alamogordo New Mexico - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Cincinnati Police Department, Cincinnati Ohio - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Durango Police Department, Durango Colorado - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Hoke County Sheriff's Office, Hoke County North Carolina - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

Saint Louis Police Department, Saint Louis, Missouri - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence, criminal interdiction, and controlled drug deliveries in their area.

#### **Federal Agencies**

Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Investigation Division - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

#### **Federal Bureau of Investigation**

San Carlos Apache Tribal Police Department, San Carlos, Arizona-The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinate any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

San Carlos Apache Game and Fish Department, San Carlos, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

Tonto Apache Tribal Police Department, Payson, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

White Mountain Apache Police Department, White River, of Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates any intelligence that maybe conducive to furthering cases involving drugs, warrants, and marijuana cultivation.

United States Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with intelligence sharing reference ongoing and current trends in weapon violation and explosive cases and case law. They also provide on-going K-9 Explosive Detection training for the (2) explosive detection K-9's assigned to the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force.

United States Border Patrol - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Border Patrol with intelligence on border crossing suspects and by providing training on clandestine labs.

United States Bureau of Land Management - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the United States Bureau of Land Management during marijuana cultivation investigations eradication operations

United States Drug Enforcement Agency - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency during marijuana cultivation investigations and case investigations that span outside and inside the State of Arizona and the United States.

United States Forest Service - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the United States Forest Service during marijuana cultivation / eradication investigations.

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force coordinates with I.C.E. Agents on undocumented alien detention, intelligence, and identification.

United States Marshall's Fugitive Task Force - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Fugitive Task Force in tracking down wanted suspects and intelligence on subjects who may be associated.

### **Schools**

The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Meth Coalition in conducting drug awareness presentations, K-9 demonstrations, and K-9 sniff's for contraband for the following public schools on a continuing basis.

Charles Bejarano Elementary School, Miami, Arizona  
Copper Rim Elementary School, Globe, Arizona  
Destiny Elementary School, Globe, Arizona  
Globe High School, Globe, Arizona  
Hayden Elementary School, Winkelman, Arizona  
Hayden Junior High School, Winkelman, Arizona  
Hayden High School, Winkelman, Arizona  
High Desert Elementary School, Globe, Arizona  
Liberty High School, Globe, Arizona  
Los Lomas Elementary School, Miami, Arizona  
Miami High School, Miami, Arizona  
Tonto Basin Elementary School, Tonto Basin Arizona  
Payson High School, Payson Arizona  
Pine/Strawberry Elementary/Middle School, Pine Arizona  
Rim Country Middle School, Payson Arizona  
San Carlos Apache Junior High School, San Carlos, Arizona  
San Carlos Apache High School, San Carlos, Arizona  
Superior Head Start Academy, Superior, Arizona  
St. Charles Parochial School, San Carlos, Arizona  
Young Elementary, Middle, High School, Young, Arizona

### **Other Organizations**

Arizona Public Service, Globe, Arizona - The company provides the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force with information on possible drug activity they may become aware of during their service calls.

Cobre Valley Regional Center - This local hospital provides patients with resources on drug abuse as well as insight to The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force about what sorts of things they are seeing residents deal with.

Community Bridges Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Globe and Payson, of Arizona – This organization collaborates with the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force and the Meth Coalition in providing education efforts and quality treatment for substance abuse disorder. Recovering addicts share their stories during the Meth Coalition presentations which help draw a clear picture for the attendees about the different stages of addiction and recovery. They also survey their intake patients and provide data on what sorts of drugs are being used in the community and how accessible they are. The Community Bridges Center provides an alternative for the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force in lieu of prosecution for a suspect to rehabilitate their lives instead of prosecution.

Crossing Hospice Care and Home Health Resources, Globe, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force responds to requests for destruction of medications left behind by Hospice patients to try and curb prescription drugs from reaching the street for illicit use.

Freeport McMorhan Copper and Gold, Miami, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force provides drug awareness training and K-9 detection for any contraband in their facility upon request.

Gila County Meth Coalition, Globe, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborates with the Meth Coalition in providing drug awareness presentations to the public sector.

Horizon Human Health Service Behavioral Health Agency - We attend monthly meetings and they provide updates about their funding, the type of patients they are seeing and offer ideas for new programming

Payson Regional Medical Center local hospital – The medical center provides information on drug use and what they are seeing in general from incoming patients.

Pinto Valley BHP Mine, Miami, Arizona - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force provides drug awareness training and K-9 detection for any contraband in their facility upon request.

Southwest Gas Company, Globe, Arizona – The company provides the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force with information on possible drug activity they may become aware of during their service calls.

Southern Gila County Networking Team - The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force attends quarterly meetings to discuss investigations and share intelligence with other agencies.

Describe in detail a recent collaboration, other than a service referral, involving one or several of the agencies listed above. Discuss the purpose of the collaboration, your agency's contribution to process and the outcomes. *Response is limited to 4,000 characters, including spaces.*

Enter narrative below:

In June 2011, the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force received intelligence through Tucson DEA Agents reference a possible vehicle transporting contraband traveling toward the Globe area. Due to the collaboration by Tucson DEA, the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force K9 Unit, Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the Gila County Sheriff's Office the vehicle was located and stopped at the U.S. 60 and State Route 70 Junction. The results were (229) pounds of marijuana seized along with (1) vehicle, (1) horse trailer with a (6) year old racking mule, (\$1,319.00) currency and (1) suspect arrested. The Arizona Attorney General's Office Forfeiture Unit followed through with the forfeiture process and awards of the currency, vehicle, horse trailer and mule were accomplished. The mule (Amy) was put into service with the Gila County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse and to date is the first animal seized in a drug case to be put into service in Gila County.

In September 2011, the Gila County Drug, Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force collaborated intelligence with the Phoenix F.B.I. Fugitive Task Force reference two violent sex offenders they had been trying to locate in the Globe area. The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force located both suspects at the Claypool Safeway where both were taken into custody.

In December 2011, the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force interdicted a vehicle at the U.S. 60 and State Route 70 Junction. The vehicle was occupied by two subjects traveling from the Wilcox/Bowie area. This traffic stop / investigation lead to the discovery of (233) pounds of marijuana being discovered in the vehicle with both suspects being taken into custody. During this investigation the driver decided to cooperate with law enforcement agreeing to a controlled delivery to the drugs initial destination, which was the Phoenix metropolitan area. The Gila County Drug Task force coordinated the controlled delivery of the narcotics with the Phoenix Police Department Narcotics Unit, Phoenix HIDTA, and RISSAFE to the Phoenix metropolitan area. The results were, (3)

additional suspects arrested and (1) vehicle seized.

**Evaluation Plan**

How will you evaluate the effectiveness of the program activities? *Response is limited to 4,000 characters, including spaces.*

Enter narrative below:

Each month, the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force Commander will compile statistical data filled out by each investigator on a task force-generated "Alliance Report" form. The hand counted information will be summarized monthly and the monthly data will in turn be reported to ACJC in an on-line quarterly report.

Gila County task force personnel will meet periodically to discuss any statistical data needed to be reported and where that data stands with our goals and objectives to interdict, assist, initiate, and prosecute cases. Also informant status will be covered to insure if any new ones have been signed up or there's a need to deactivate old informants due to inactivity.

The Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force will, in collaboration with the Meth Coalition, evaluate the drug awareness presentations by taking surveys from the different groups that receive the presentations. The Community Bridges Program will also team up with the Gila County Task Force in providing an alternative for suspects such as rehabilitation, in lieu of prosecution in the courts when the situation is feasible. As well as doing presentations Task Force personnel document any information received and the number of attendees which is documented on the Task Force Alliance Report Form.

**Goal:** To reduce or disrupt the flow of illicit drugs imported, transported, and sold in the community.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description  | % | #  | Performance Measure   |
|--|---|----|---|
| Increase arrest for importing/transporting of illicit drugs. | % | 5  | Number of arrests for transport/import of drugs.                          |
| Increase arrests for the distribution of illicit drugs.      | % | 5  | Number of arrests for distribution/sale of drugs.                         |
| Increase arrests for the distribution of illicit drugs       | % | 10 | Number of arrests for buying/receiving drugs.                             |
| Disrupt methamphetamine labs.                                | % | 5  | Increase number of methamphetamine related investigations.                |
| Disrupt methamphetamine labs.                                | % | 1  | Increase number of clandestine labs seized.                               |
| Disrupt methamphetamine labs.                                | % | 1  | Increase number of methamphetamine dump sites discovered.                 |
| Disrupt methamphetamine labs.                                | % | 1  | Increase number of methamphetamine sites referred for mitigation/cleanup. |
| Disrupt or dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations.         | % | 2  | Increase number of DTO's disrupted.                                       |
| Disrupt or dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations.         | % | 1  | Increase number of DTO's dismantled.                                      |
| Arrest members of criminal street gangs.                     | % | 2  | Increase number of arrests of criminal street gang members.               |

**Goal:** Strengthen collaborative partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description   | % | #  | Performance Measure   |
|---|---|----|---|
| Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies. | % | 6  | Increase number of deconfliction events.  |
| Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies. | % | 4  | Increase number of tips/leads referred to other task forces.                      |
| Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies. | % | 1  | Increase number of counterterrorism referrals.                                    |
| Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies. | % | 2  | Increase number of drug-endangered child referrals or calls to CPS.               |
| Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies. | % | 10 | Increase number of drug interdiction activity assists.                            |
| Conduct intelligence driven, collaborative investigations.            | % | 4  | Increase number of intelligence-driven, collaborative investigations.             |
| Conduct intelligence driven, collaborative investigations.            | % | 4  | Increase number of intelligence-driven investigations resulting in arrest.        |
| Conduct intelligence drive, collaborative investigations.             | % | 4  | Increase number of intelligence-driven investigations resulting in drug seizures. |

**Goal:** Provide training for law enforcement agencies on the local, state, and federal level reference clandestine labs, tactical S.W.A.T. lab entries, K-9 interdiction and use, marijuana cultivation and eradication.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description                            | % | # | Performance Measure  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Provide training needs when requested. | % | 2 | Documentation on the Task Force alliance report.   |
| Provide training needs when requested  | % | 2 | Keep a monthly and quarterly log of activities conducted taken from the Task Force Alliance reports. |

**Goal:** Eradicate marijuana cultivation grows.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description   | % | # | Performance Measure  |
|---|---|---|--|
| A collaboration between Phoenix Police Department, D.E.A., the U.S. Forest Service, D.P.S., Gila County Sheriff's Office, and the Gila County Task Force. | % | 6 | Initiate investigations and arrests on suspects cultivating. |

**Goal:** To continue working with Crossing Hospice in the destruction of pharmaceutical narcotic drugs associated with deceased individuals.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description   | % | #  | Performance Measure   |
|---|---|----|---|
| To provide a safer community a cooperative endeavor has been implemented between the Gila County Drug Task Force and Crossing Hospice for disposal and destruction of prescription narcotics. This will promote a safer community in an effort to curtail the | % | 40 | The Commander will utilize alliance reports and keep a running log of activities conducted. |

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| flow of prescription narcotics from being re-introduced back into the community. |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|

**Goal:** Continue a coordinated collaborative effort with the Gila County Meth Coalition in providing drug awareness presentations.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description                          | % | #  | Performance Measure   |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| Provide presentations upon requests. | % | 12 | Increase number of presentations in the community.                                      |
| Provide presentations upon requests. | % | 12 | Document training, location, and number of attendees on the Task Force Alliance Report. |

**Goal:** Attend updated training reference drugs, interdiction, weapons, investigative methods, and suspect intelligence.

Objectives (please complete at least 1):

| Description  | % | # | Performance Measure   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Find locally provided seminars/classes within Arizona. | % | 5 | Documentation will be made on the Task Force Alliance report. |

**Personnel**

Enter narrative below:

Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Task Force consists of: a Commander, 1 Sergeant, and 3 Agents (Grant Funded G.C.S.O. positions)

Full Time/Part Time

| Position Title | # Pos (FTE) | Annual Salary | Subtotal Salary | ERE Rate | ERE Subtotal                         | Total       |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Commander      | 1           | \$68,993.60   | \$68,993.60     | 31.97%   | \$22,057.25                          | \$91,050.85 |
| Sergeant       | 1           | \$56,617.60   | \$56,617.60     | 45.33%   | \$25,664.76                          | \$82,282.36 |
| Agent          | 1           | \$46,467.20   | \$46,467.20     | 47.27%   | \$21,965.05                          | \$68,432.25 |
| Agent          | 1           | \$45,344.00   | \$45,344.00     | 48.47%   | \$21,978.24                          | \$67,322.24 |
| Agent          | 1           | \$45,344.00   | \$45,344.00     | 48.47%   | \$21,978.24                          | \$67,322.24 |
|                |             |               |                 |          | <b>Salary Subtotal: \$262,766.00</b> |             |
|                |             |               |                 |          | <b>ERE Subtotal: \$113,644.00</b>    |             |
|                |             |               |                 |          | <b>Total: \$376,410.00</b>           |             |

Overtime

| Position Title | Hours | Hourly Wage | Subtotal Wages | ERE Rate | ERE Subtotal                  | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                |       |             |                |          | <b>Wages Subtotal: \$0.00</b> |       |
|                |       |             |                |          | <b>ERE Subtotal: \$0.00</b>   |       |
|                |       |             |                |          | <b>Total: \$0.00</b>          |       |

ERE Breakdown

Enter narrative below:

Employer related expenses consist of the following for Commander Sanchez:

- AZ LTD: 0.23%
- AZ State Retirement: 9.87%
- Deputies ACR: 10.51%
- Life Only: 0 .09%
- Fica/Medicare: 7.65%
- Deputies Worker's Comp: 3.6209%

Employer Related Expenses for Sgt. Baxley:

- Health Insurance: 12.63%
- Deputies Retirement: 21.43%
- Fica/Medicare: 7.65%
- Deputies Workers Comp: 3.6209%

Employer Related Expenses for Agent Newman:

- Health Insurance: 15.39%
- AZ Ret. LTD: .23%
- AZ Retirement: 9.85%
- Deputies ACR: 10.51%
- FICA/Medicare: 7.65%
- Deputies Worker's Comp: 3.6209%

Employer Related Expenses for Agent DalMolin:

- Health Insurance: 15.77%
- Deputies Retirement: 21.43%
- FICA/Medicare: 7.65%
- Deputies Worker's Comp: 3.6209%

Employer Related Expenses for Agent VanBuskirk (resigned 3/19/12):

- Health Insurance: 15.77%
- Deputies Retirement: 21.43%
- FICA/Medicare: 7.65%
- Deputies Worker's Comp: 3.6209%

**Consultant/Contractual Services**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Hours | Rate | Total         |
|--------------|-------|------|---------------|
|              |       |      | Total: \$0.00 |

**Travel (In State)**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Units | Amount | Total         |
|--------------|-------|--------|---------------|
|              |       |        | Total: \$0.00 |

**Travel (Out of State)**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Units | Amount | Total         |
|--------------|-------|--------|---------------|
|              |       |        | Total: \$0.00 |

**Confidential Funds**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Amount | Total         |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
|              |        | Total: \$0.00 |

**Other Operating Expenses**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Type | Quantity | Each | Total                                  |
|--------------|------|----------|------|--|
|              |      |          |      | Supplies Subtotal: \$0.00              |
|              |      |          |      | Registration/Training Subtotal: \$0.00 |
|              |      |          |      | Other Subtotal: \$0.00                 |
|              |      |          |      | Total: \$0.00                          |

**Equipment Purchases**

Enter narrative below:

| Expense Type | Type | Quantity | Each | Total                        |
|--------------|------|----------|------|------------------------------|
|              |      |          |      | Capital Subtotal: \$0.00     |
|              |      |          |      | Non-Capital Subtotal: \$0.00 |
|              |      |          |      | Total: \$0.00                |

If matching funds are required for this grant program, provide a description of what funds will be used as the required match. Matching funds that are required will come from the general fund.

**Total Project Cost**

State: \$0.00

Federal: \$282,308.00

Match: \$94,102.00

Grand Total: \$376,410.00

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If received, will ACJC funds be used as matching funds for other grant program(s)? No  
*If yes, please list the name(s) of the grant program and funding agency.*

**Audit Requirements**

Enter the date of your jurisdiction's most recent A-133/Financial Audit Report Single Audit Report. If the A-133 is not current submit to the Commission:

- A copy of the letter received from the cognizant or audit oversight agency approving your request for an extension, or
- A copy of the letter requesting an extension to file; and submit any follow-up correspondence received from the cognizant or oversight agency.

6/30/2010

Did the audit result in a Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs?

Yes

**Internal Controls**

Does your organization have established policies related to salary scales, fringe benefits, travel reimbursement and personnel policies?

Yes

Which of the following describes your organization's accounting system?

Automated

How frequently do you post to the General Ledger?

Daily

Does the accounting system completely and accurately track the receipt and disbursements of funds by each grant or funding source?

Yes

Does the accounting system provide for the recording of actual costs compared to budgeted costs for each budget line item?

Yes

Are time and effort distribution reports maintained for employees working fully or partially on grant programs, which account for 100% of each employee's time?

Yes

Are duties of the bookkeeper/accountant segregated from the duties of cash receipt or cash disbursement?

Yes

Are checks signed by individuals whose duties exclude recording cash received, approving vouchers for payment, and the preparation of payroll?

Yes

Are all accounting entries and payments supported by source documentation?

Yes

Are employee time sheets supported by appropriately approved/signed documents?

Yes

Does the organization maintain policies which include procedures for assuring compliance with the terms of the grant award?

Yes

Does the organization maintain written codes of conduct for employees?

Yes

Does the organization maintain written procurement policies and procedures?

Yes

Does the organization have adequate staff to comply with the terms of the grant agreement?

Yes

Is there a separate bank account maintained for grant funds?

Yes

Are the officials of the agency bonded?

Yes

Does the agency use a double-entry system in accounting for program funds?

Yes

*If you answered "No" to any of the questions in this section, please provide a brief explanation why.*

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Please upload any additional documentation here. You may upload multiple files if necessary.

**NOTE:**

Non-profit organizations can demonstrate its non-profit status in any one of four methods. Please attach one of the following to this application:

1. Submission of proof of 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service.
2. Submission of a statement from the state taxing authority or state Secretary of State, or other similar official certifying that the organization is a non-profit operating within the state, and that no part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual.
3. Submission of a certified copy of the applicant's certificate of incorporation or similar document.
4. Submission of any item above, if that item applies to a state or national parent organization, together with a statement by the state or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.

*Max size per upload 10MB.*

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[D.E.A. Letter of Participation.pdf](#)

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[Department of Economic Security Letter of Participation.pdf](#)

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The applicant agrees that ACJC grant funds are not to be expended on any indirect costs that may be incurred in administering the funds.

The applicant agrees that payment obligation is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligation.

The applicant agrees to provide accounting, auditing and monitoring procedures to safeguard grant funds and keep such records to assure proper fiscal controls, management, and the efficient disbursement of grant funds. In addition, agrees to retain all books, account reports, files, and other records for a period of five years after the completion of the expiration of the project. All such documents shall be subject to inspection and audit at reasonable times.

The applicant agrees to submit financial and activity reports through mechanisms or forms provided and frequency needed to the Commission.

The applicant has read and agrees to comply with the requirements concerning program income as set forth in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide, Chapter 9 Program Income if the program generates or expends program income; has read and agrees to abide by the conditions concerning confidential funds as set forth in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide Chapter 17 Confidential Funds if grant funds or Anti-racketeering funds (RICO) will be used for this project; and has read and agrees to abide by the requirements of 28 CFR Part 23 if grant funds or anti-racketeering funds (RICO) will be used to support a Criminal Intelligence System.

On behalf of the applicant agency I certify that: I have read and understand the conditions listed above; all the information presented in this application is correct; there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and the applicant agency will comply with the provisions of all applicable laws and conditions if awarded funds.