

650637 - SFY 2027 Byrne-JAG Continuation Applicant-Central Iowa Drug Task Force

Application Details

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Last Submit Date:
Last Submitted By:

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First Name Last Name

Title:

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Organization Information

Name*: Story County Sheriff's Office

Organization Type*: County Government
DUNS: 05-081-3112
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Tax Id:
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MR7LH26Y2UW7
Organization Website: storycountyiowa.gov
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Minority Impact Statement

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Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on minority persons? *: No

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on minority persons? *: No

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*: Yes

Chairperson- Story County BOS Linda Murken
Title First Name Last Name

Information & Instructions

Application Information & Instructions

General Grant Program Information and Instructions are available as an Adobe Acrobat (pdf) file in this solicitation. (See Attachments - Program Application Instructions). Application instructions are also available on the Office of Drug Control Policy website.

Grantees are strongly encouraged to review this information. Failure to comply with grant requirements may result in disqualification of your application. Contact Dennis Wiggins with questions 515-805-4141 or wiggins@dps.state.ia.us

General Grant Program Information and Instructions have been received and reviewed. *: Yes

Cover Sheet

Legal Applicant

Legal Applicant - Agency*: Story County Sheriff's Office
Unit of government making application

This is the person who will sign the grant contract/certifications on behalf of the applicant agency.

Legal Applicant - Name & Title*: Nicholas J. Hochberger Drug Task Force Sergeant
First and Last Name Title

Legal Applicant E-mail*: nickhochberger@gmail.com

Enter the Unique Entity ID (UEI) assigned by SAM.gov. The Federal Government transitioned to the UEI April 4, 2022. The UEI replaced your DUNS number as the unique identifier for Federal Contractors and Assistance Recipients

Unique Entity ID*: MR7LH26Y2UW7
12 characters

The Vendor ID is the number assigned to your agency by the state accounting system. The ID is used by state agencies to direct payments to the address and accounting systems defined by you. If you don't know your Vendor ID, first check with your accounting staff and then contact ODCP or State Accounting.

Vendor ID Number*: 0000-2129931
Four zeros followed by a dash and seven digit ID(0000-XXXXXXX)

Project Director

Project Director*: Nicholas Hochberger
First Name Last Name

Street*: 1315 S B Ave St. 2

Street:

City/State/Zip Code*: Nevada Iowa 50201
City State Zip Code

Phone*: 563-451-4404
Enter 10 digit number - no special characters

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Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer*: Lisa Markley
First Name Last Name

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Enter 10 digit number - no special characters

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Project Title

Descriptive Title of the Project*: Story County Sheriff's Office Byrne JAG Grant-continuation

Level of Government

Indicate the Applicant Agency level of government. *: County

High Risk Designation

Has the applicant agency been identified by a State or Federal Agency as a high risk grantee or been suspended or debarred? *: No

Other Project Support

Does this application request funding to expand or continue a project which was initiated with another funding source? *: No

Civil Rights Training

Budget Detail Worksheet - No Match

Personnel

Position/Title & Employing Agency	Federal Share Priority
Task Force Director/Story County Sheriff's Office	\$22,082.76 1
Task Force Officer/Story County Sheriff's Office	\$16,724.89 2
	\$38,807.65

Fringe Benefits

Position/Title & Employing Agency	Federal Share Priority
No Data for Table	

Overtime

Position/Title & Employing Agency	Computation	Federal Share Priority
No Data for Table		

Travel

Purpose of Travel	Location	Item/Computation	Federal Share Priority
No Data for Table			

Equipment

Item	Computation	Federal Share Priority
		No Data for Table

Supplies

Item	Computation	Federal Share Priority
		No Data for Table

Procurement Contracts

Item	Computation	Federal Share Priority
		No Data for Table

Other Costs

Item	Computation	Federal Share Priority
		No Data for Table

Budget Summary

Federal Total*: \$38,807.65

Budget Justification - 2024

Personnel

Costs should be consistent with agency written policies, compensation should be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar work in other comparable agencies.

List by Position Title. Base salary rate and other paid compensation need to be listed separately. Include any formulas used. Also include percent of time involved in this project. (Example - Computer Programmer Salary \$90,000 x 30% = \$27,000) \$27,000 is the amount you are requesting for this position.

Overtime should be included as a separate line item in the Overtime section below.

Personnel:

Drug Task Force Coordinator- Story County Sheriff's Office

Supervises all aspects of the multi jurisdictional drug task force, and is the project coordinator. 100% of his time is dedicated to this project.

Sgt's Base Salary= \$104,849

Benefits= \$20,566

Total= Salary + Benefits for DTF Coordinator \$125,415

The Story County Sheriff's Office is requesting 18% of the salary and fringe benefits for reimbursement.

Funding Request= Base Salary/Benefits X approximately %18 = \$22,574.70

Drug Investigator- Story County Sheriff's Office

Conducts drug related criminal investigations. 100% of his/her time is dedicated to this project. This position is on a 5 year rotation.

Detective Base Salary= \$90,352

Benefits= \$35,170

Total= Base Salary + Benefits=\$125,522

The Story County Sheriff's Office is requesting 13% of the salary and fringe benefits for reimbursement.

Funding Request= Base Salary/benefits X approximately %13 = \$16,317.86

Personnel Benefits

Benefits	Position/Title	Employing Agency	% to project	Insurance			Workers Comp	Unemployment	Total (Federal Share)
				FICA	- Health, Dental, Life	Retirement			
Position #1	Task Force Coordinator	Story County Sheriff's Office	100.0%	\$8,020.96	\$0.00	\$12,545.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,566.17
Position #2	Drug Investigator	Story County Sheriff's Office	100.0%	\$6,911.90	\$24,359.04	\$10,810.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,081.51
Position #3			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #4			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #5			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #6			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #7			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #8			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #9			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #10			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #11			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #12			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #13			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #14			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Position #15			0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total									\$62,647.68

OT

Describe how OT will be utilized, list over time rate(s) and the number of overtime hours to be worked.

Overtime:

Travel

Transportation and subsistence of project personnel for project related travel and travel for training events. Out of state travel requires prior approval from ODCP. State travel policies apply. State travel policies are available on the Iowa Department of Administrative Services website.

Include contractor/consultant travel in Procurement Contracts section.

Travel:

Equipment

Type of equipment, quantity and unit price. Purpose of purchase and percent of time involved in project, and staff who will use the equipment. (Definition of Equipment = item with a value of \$10,000 and a life expectancy of 1 year or more - if an item does not meet this definition include it in the Supplies line item.) Use procedures consistent with agency's written procurement policies.

Equipment:

Supplies

Supplies, printing, expendables (telephone, gas, electricity). Relate costs to project activities. Itemize all expenses. Miscellaneous expenses will not be funded

Supplies:

Procurement Contracts

Individual consultants or service organizations. Specify purpose of contract and itemize all consultant fees, consultant expenses, and contracts.

Legal applicant shall follow the same policies and procedures used for competitive bid and procurement from its non-federal funds.

Contract services require ODCP approval.

Contract Services:

Other Costs

List items by type. Generally, Other Expenses include items such as rent, indirect costs, operating expenses, telephone, data services, rent, etc.

Other Costs:

New/Continuation Applicants

Is this an application for a new program? *: No
See definition of "new" and "continuation" applicant in the solicitation instructions.

Cash Match

Does your project budget include cash or in-kind match?* Yes

If applicable, describe the level and source of in-kind and cash match. :

The Story County Sheriff's Office has proudly partnered with the Office of Drug Control Policy for over 27 years, fostering a respected and effective collaboration. This enduring partnership underscores the commitment of the Sheriff's Office to combating drug-related issues in the community.

Historically, the Story County Sheriff's Office has contributed a cash match to support these efforts and remains committed to doing so in the future. For 2026, the proposed cash match includes funding 18% of the salary and benefits for the Central Iowa Drug Task Force Director. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will provide a cash match covering 13% of the salary and benefits for the Drug Detective position, further supporting critical roles in the fight against drug-related crimes.

Enter

Presentation Preference

Please indicate your preference of date/time, should your application be approved for a presentation with the review team.

morning

morning

1st choice (date/morning or afternoon) 2nd choice (date/morning or afternoon)

Identify up to three preferences for the presentation date & if you prefer morning or afternoon.

Presentations will tentatively take place February 23rd - March 12th.

If selected, the Project Director identified in this application will receive an invitation to the grant reviewer interview via e-mail. The e-mail will identify the date/time and will include a link to the interview.

Note: It is unlikely that ODCP will be able to accommodate every applicant's preferred interview date/time. If you are assigned a date/time that you are unable to comply with, contact the ODCP for direction.

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morning

3rd choice (date/morning or afternoon)

Please note if there are any special accommodations required to participate in the grant review interview.:

no special accommodations required

Abstract - Combined Applications

Application Abstract

Maximum of 4,000 characters

Provide a descriptive summary of the need/problem to be addressed.

Describe the key activities of the proposed project.

Describe the expected outcomes of the proposed project.

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The Central Iowa Drug Task Force (CIDTF) addresses ongoing and evolving challenges related to drug trafficking, distribution, and abuse throughout the region. These challenges are driven by the presence of synthetic opioids, large-scale methamphetamine trafficking originating from Mexico, and the widespread availability of marijuana and THC products, particularly as neighboring states expand legalization. Drug-related overdoses, including fatalities involving fentanyl-laced substances, continue to pose a serious public safety concern. According to Mary Greeley Medical Center data from 2000–2024, Boone County experienced 14 overdose deaths and Story County experienced 47 overdose deaths, demonstrating the long-term impact of drug abuse within the service area. The project focuses on reducing the availability of illegal substances, dismantling drug trafficking networks, and enhancing public safety across Central Iowa. In 2025, CIDTF actively pursued these goals through intelligence-driven investigations and coordinated enforcement efforts. During the reporting period, CIDTF opened 184 new cases, conducted 78 controlled purchases, executed 78 search warrants, and carried out 57 surveillance operations. These efforts resulted in significant narcotics seizures, the removal of firearms from circulation, and the disruption of organized criminal activity.

CIDTF maintained close collaboration with federal partners to target high-level traffickers, resulting in two federal indictments during 2025, along with federal search warrants and referrals. Task force personnel also worked with postal inspectors and partner agencies to intercept narcotics trafficked through mail and commercial delivery services. In addition, CIDTF emphasized interdiction, financial investigations, and digital evidence exploitation. During 2025, CIDTF seized more than \$80,000 in currency, processed 46 digital devices pursuant to search warrants, and seized 23 firearms.

Expected outcomes include continued disruption and dismantling of drug trafficking organizations, increased seizures of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and THC products, and improved public safety through the removal of firearms and criminal proceeds. In 2025, CIDTF disrupted 11 criminal groups and dismantled 12 criminal organizations. These coordinated enforcement efforts support sustained felony prosecutions and federal indictments against key offenders, while reducing the availability of illegal drugs within the region. This project will continue to mitigate the harmful effects of drug abuse on individuals, families, and communities across Central Iowa.

Key Activities

- *Identify, investigate, and dismantle drug distribution operations through controlled purchases, surveillance, search warrants, and arrests, with a focus on methamphetamine, fentanyl and other opioids, cocaine, marijuana, and THC products.*

- Collaborate with federal prosecutors and partner Drug Enforcement Task Forces.
- Maintain intelligence-sharing partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.
- Investigate cases involving the exposure of children to controlled substances in coordination with the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Support rehabilitation by referring appropriate non-violent offenders to treatment and diversion programs.

Proposed Outcomes

- Disrupt the flow of illegal drugs into and out of the jurisdiction.
- Maintain federal and state prosecution of drug distributors, with increased focus on overdose- and death-related investigations.
- Sustain strong partnerships with law enforcement, schools, businesses, and community organizations.
- Increase referrals to drug court and diversion programs when appropriate.

Address each of the questions above - limit 4,000 characters.

Letters of Support - New Grantees

Letters of Support

Does your application include letters of support (New Applicants)?*: No

Letters of Support

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
<i>No files attached.</i>				