

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Proposed FY2006 Federal Drug Control Budget Reduces or Eliminates Funding for Many State-Level Programs

The proposed \$12.4 billion National Drug Control Budget for FY2006 reduces or eliminates federal support for many state and local drug programs. Reasons cited for these changes include that the programs have achieved their purpose, are ineffective, or may be more appropriately supported through state, local, or private resources. Following are some of the programs that would be reduced or eliminated by this proposed drug control budget.

Programs Eliminated

- Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grants (\$437.4 million)
- Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program (\$32.7 million)
- Underage Drinking Prevention Program (\$24.7 million)
- Drug Enforcement Administration's Demand Reduction Program (\$9.3 million)
- National Alliance of Model State Drug Laws (\$1.0 million)

Programs with Reduced Funding

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) (from \$226.5 million to \$100 million)
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (\$9.9 million to \$5.0 million)
- Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup (from \$51.9 million to \$20.0 million)
- Prevention Programs of Regional & National Significance (from \$198.7 million to \$184.3 million)

There have also been proposed cuts to programs that do not come under the National Drug Control Budget, but that may have an impact on state substance abuse efforts. Most notable is the elimination of the \$625.5 million Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, which provides funds to state and local governments to prevent and control crime.* The \$39 million National Drug Intelligence Center, designated by the government as the "nation's principal center for strategic domestic counterdrug intelligence," is also slated to be discontinued while funding for the Community Oriented Policing Service hiring, training, and technical assistance grants may be drastically reduced from \$499 million to \$118 million.

*NOTE: CESAR receives some grant funding from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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ERRATUM: CESAR FAX Volume 14, Issue 10, "National Methamphetamine Epidemic?"

The March 7, 2005, *CESAR FAX* cited an introduction from a *Today Show* interview with Carol Falkowski in such a way that it appeared that the quoted statement was made by Ms. Falkowski. The statement was, in fact, made by the host, Katie Couric. CESAR apologizes for the error and any subsequent confusion or discomfort.

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