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Proposed FY 2007 Federal Drug Control Budget Increases Funding for Drug Courts; Decreases Funding for Many State and Local Drug Programs

The proposed \$12.7 billion National Drug Control Budget for fiscal year 2007 increases funding for drug courts, student drug testing, and the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. At the same time, federal support for many state and local drug programs are proposed to be reduced or eliminated. Reasons for these reductions include that the programs have achieved their purpose, are inappropriately focused, are ineffective, and/or may be more appropriately supported through other resources. Following are highlights of some of the changes proposed by the FY2007 drug control budget.

Programs with Increased Funding

- Drug Courts (+\$59.3 million; from \$9.9 to \$69.2 million)
- Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs (+\$21.5 million; from \$144.4 to \$165.9 million)
 - Research-Based Grant Assistance to Local Educational Agencies (+\$52 million; from \$0 to \$52 million)
 - Student Drug Testing (+\$4.6 million; from \$10.4 to \$15 million)
- National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign (+\$21 million; from \$99 to \$120 million)
- Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup Program (+\$20.4 million; from \$19.7 to \$40.1 million)
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (+\$2.5 million; from \$7.4 to \$9.9 million)

Programs with Reduced Funding

- Treatment Programs of Regional & National Significance (-\$23.5 million; from \$398.9 to \$375.4 million)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) (-\$17.1 million; from \$224.7 to \$207.6 million)
- Prevention Programs of Regional & National Significance (-\$12.3 million; from \$192.9 to \$180.6 million)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (-\$5.2 million; from \$1.0 to \$994.8 million)

Programs Eliminated

- Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities State Grants (-\$346.5 million) and Alcohol Abuse Reduction Programs (-\$32.4 million)
- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (-\$24.7 million)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (-\$9.9 million)
- Drug Enforcement Administration Demand Reduction Program (-\$9.3 million)
- National Alliance of Model State Drug Laws (-\$1.0 million)

There have also been proposed cuts to grant programs that are not a part of the National Drug Control Budget, but that may have an impact on state substance abuse efforts. The \$327.2 million Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, which provides funds to state and local governments to prevent and control crime, is slated to be discontinued, as is the Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (\$189.3 million) and the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (\$49.4 million).

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