



NNOAC Insight

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Support for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program

The 40 state narcotic officers' associations and more than 50,000 law enforcement officers represented by the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) strongly urge Congress to maintain the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program within the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and provide at least \$300 million for the program in FY 2027.

The United States continues to face an evolving and increasingly complex drug threat environment driven by transnational criminal organizations, synthetic drugs, and sophisticated trafficking networks that operate across state and regional boundaries. Congress created the HIDTA Program to address these challenges by strengthening coordination and collaboration among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the regions most impacted by drug trafficking.

HIDTA is a uniquely structured, intelligence-driven program that brings federal, state, local, and tribal partners together to jointly identify priorities and coordinate operations through shared governance. Its placement within ONDCP provides a neutral environment that supports collaboration and allows law enforcement leaders closest to the threat to help guide how resources are deployed. This partnership-based structure is not replicated in any other federal drug enforcement program.

The HIDTA Program enhances public safety by supporting multi-jurisdictional investigations, intelligence sharing, deconfliction, and coordinated enforcement strategies. HIDTA initiatives are grounded in regional threat assessments and aligned with the National Drug Control Strategy, enabling each HIDTA to respond quickly to emerging drug trends while maintaining accountability and oversight.

HIDTA Executive Boards - comprised of federal and state and local law enforcement executives - govern each HIDTA region. These boards ensure resources are deployed strategically, initiatives are regularly reviewed, and participating agencies work collaboratively toward shared public safety objectives. This partnership-driven governance model is a defining strength of the HIDTA Program.

As drug trafficking organizations continue to adapt and synthetic drugs drive violence, addiction, and overdose deaths, any changes that reduce funding for HIDTA or remove it from ONDCP would weaken one of the most effective tools for coordinated, multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement.

NNOAC urges Congress to maintain HIDTA within ONDCP, provide at least \$300 million in FY 2027, and continue engaging federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement through briefings and oversight to ensure the program remains strong, responsive, and effective.