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Idaho takes a diversified approach toward drug eradication projects. In the past, Idaho has focused on three major areas to encompass a more effective approach in dealing with drugs on a local level. These project areas included: Multi-jurisdictional Task Forces, Drug Detection Canine Projects, and Gang and Drug Enforcement. Each project under these three areas attempts to deal with the unique issues their communities face. Six of these projects were operating during the BYRNE Funding Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 with the aid of \$376,851.15 in Byrne funds. This is \$174,468.85 less than the amount awarded to nine multi-jurisdictional task force projects in FFY 2003.

Each project funded contains an evaluation component. Subgrantees are required to track and maintain certain program information. This information not only provides an indication of program progress and performance, but may also identify ways to enhance the program and allows for comparison between other similar projects. Each multi-jurisdictional task force is required to submit a quarterly Drug/Narcotics Project report developed by Planning, Grants, and Research. The reports include the following indicators:

- Number of adult and juvenile arrests
- Type of arrests
- Amount and type of material (guns, money, vehicles) seized and forfeited
- Drug/narcotics purchased by the task force
- Drug/narcotics seized by the task force
- Clandestine lab seizures.

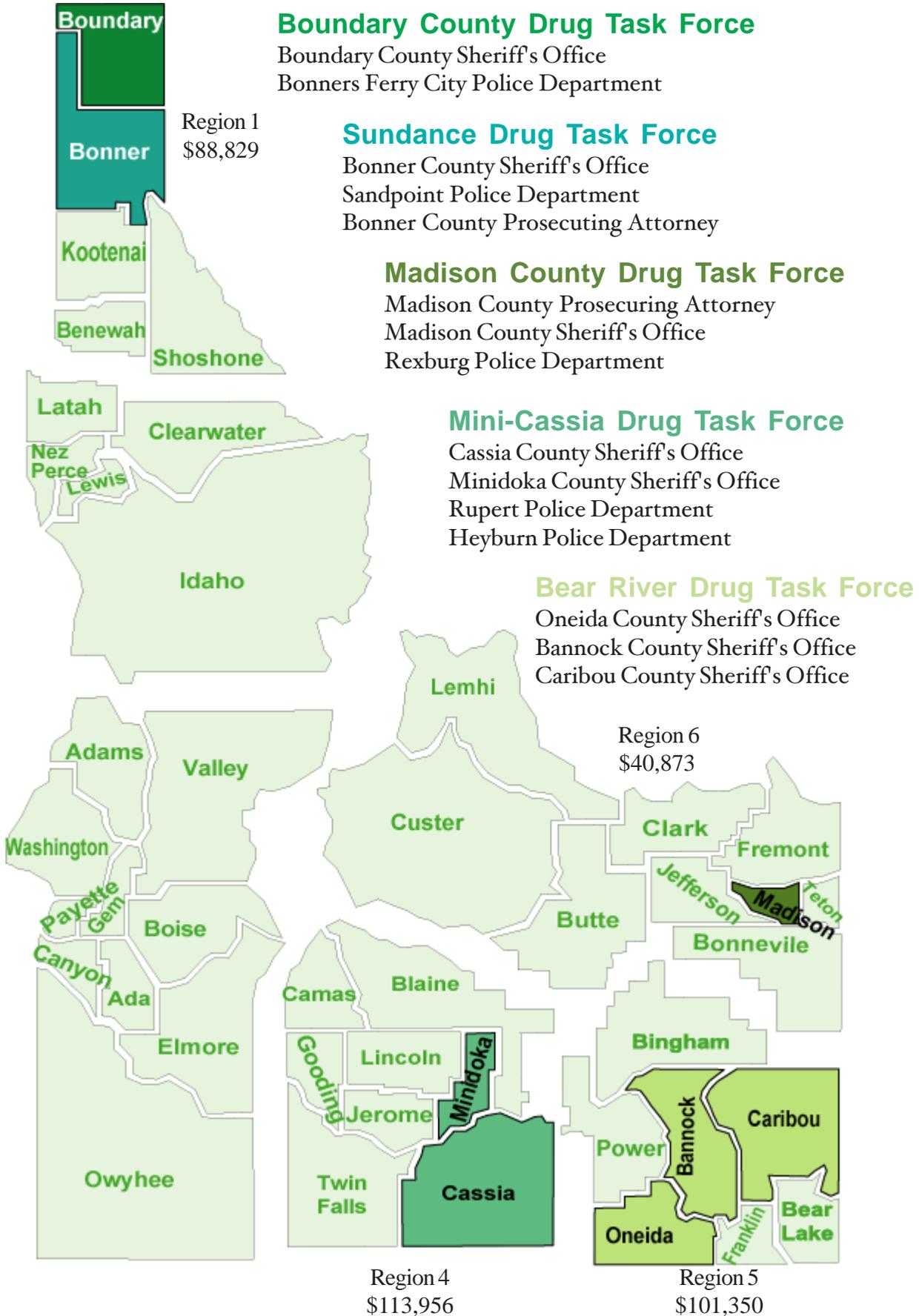
Drug Detection Canine Projects

Drug detection canines have proven to be a useful tool for task forces and law enforcement agencies. Canines are not only used as an attempt to deter and detect crime but are also an integral part of the community policing movement. Canines often act as liaisons between the community and law enforcement through their introduction into schools, businesses and their aid in presentations to the general public. Although there were two drug detection canine projects in FFY03, none were funded with the reduced BYRNE funds in FFY04.

Gang and Drug Enforcement Unit/Task Forces

Although a Gang and Drug Enforcement Unit/Task Force was not funded in 2004, several have been funded in past years. These units/task forces were created to institute activities that would significantly reduce criminal gang and narcotics activity in local communities. Previous gang and drug units/task forces implemented comprehensive plans to patrol neighborhoods; track, document, disseminate information throughout neighboring communities; and provide training on gang awareness to schools, civic groups, law enforcement and the general public.

BYRNE Funded Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces



Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

Multi-jurisdictional task forces are best described as cooperative programs involving two or more separate law enforcement agencies, which have different jurisdictional responsibilities. Agencies forming these task forces have formal agreements to work together as a team to enforce drug laws, usually with a focus on street, mid or high level traffickers. In most cases, the prosecutor is clearly integrated with the operations of a multi-jurisdictional task force.

Idaho had five grant funded multi-jurisdictional task force projects operating during the fiscal year 2004. The five multi-jurisdictional task forces and their representative agencies are displayed on page 2. Combined, the five multi-jurisdictional drug task forces received \$345,008.00 from the Byrne Grant.

Drug Task Force Arrests

A comparison with state arrest data (NIBRS) indicates that drug task forces arrest a higher percent of high level drug offenders. Referring to Table 1, the five task forces together arrested a larger portion of people for transporting, buying, selling and possessing drugs than what was reported by all police agencies in Idaho. For example, these Byrne funded drug task forces reported 23% of all their arrests were for drug distribution or selling, compared to 5% of all arrests reported to NIBRS in the State of Idaho.

**Table 1: Drug Related Arrests
Task Force vs. NIBRS
(7-1-04 to 6-30-05)**

	NIBRS		Drug Task Force	
Possession	3,014	65%	162	68%
Buying/ Recieving	12	0%	10	4%
Distribute/ Selling	234	5%	56	23%
Cultivate/ Manufacture	72	2%	3	1%
Transporting	53	1%	7	3%
Equipment Violations	1,271	27%	2	1%
Total	4,656	100%	240	100%

Table 2 shows the type of drug arrests reported by each of the five drug task forces. In all, the five drug task forces arrested 377 adults and 16 juveniles for various drug violations. As expected, the largest category of arrests was for possession (162). Distribute and selling made up the second largest category of arrests (56).

Table 2: Drug Task Force Arrests

Task Force	Cases Initiated	Adults Arrested	Juveniles Arrested	Paraphernalia /Equipment	Possession	Buying/ Receiving	Distribute/ Selling	Cultivate/ Manufacture	Transport
Madison ^a	30	36	4	0	0	0	40	0	0
Mini-Cassia	51	85	1	0	64	1	4	1	5
Boundary ^b	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sundance	161	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear River	128	209	11	2	98	9	12	2	2
	372	377	16	2	162	10	56	3	7

a. July 1, 2004 to Mar. 31, 2005. b. Only reported one quarter. *Arrests reported by task forces may not represent actual arrests for which the task force agencies can actually report to NIBRS, but may represent their participation or assistance in other agencies' drug cases.

Drug Task Force Seizures

Table 3 displays the amount of property and forfeitures each task force acquired in their 2004 operating year. The drug task forces brought in a combined \$45,612.86 in forfeitures and a potential of \$73,412.93 in seizures for the agencies they operate under. These funds can be used to sustain task force activities after grant funds have expired. In addition, these task forces eradicated a potential street market value of \$270,325 in marijuana and methamphetamine.

Table 3: Drug Task Force Property Seizures

Task Force	Seized Funds	Forfeited Funds	Value of Seized Vehicles	Forfeited Vehicles	Seized Weapons	Value of Seized Weapons	Forfeited Weapons
Madison ^a	\$320.14	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mini-Cassia	\$3,944.25	\$7,115.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00	11	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
Boundary ^b	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sundance	\$6,797.54	\$8,682.86	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	2	\$500.00	\$500.00
Bear River	\$8,651.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	9	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	\$19,712.93	\$16,112.86	\$49,500.00	\$29,000.00	22	\$4,200.00	\$500.00

a. July 1, 2004 to Mar. 31, 2005. b. Only reported one quarter.

Table 4 displays each task force's drug seizures. The total reported street value represents local market value and includes all drugs seized by Byrne funded task forces. Local market value is highly subjective and set by the local agency based on several factors such as quality, types, size of plants, etc. The range of street market value of marijuana in grams is about \$5 to \$80, with \$18 being the average cost per gram. The street market value of marijuana plants ranges from \$200 to \$1176, with an average cost per plant of \$494. Methamphetamine ranges in street value from \$28 a gram to \$100 a gram, with an average cost per gram of \$76.

Table 4: Drug Task Force Drug Seizures

Task Force	Marijuana Amount Seized (g)	Marijuana Street Value	Marijuana Plants Seized	Marijuana Plant Street Value	Meth Amount Seized (g)	Meth Street Value	Meth Labs
Madison ^a	1,814.37	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	26.00	0.00	0
Mini-Cassia	114.70	\$1,120.00	34	\$40,000.00	997.30	90,300.00	0
Boundary ^b	0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Sundance	1,420.98	\$6,280.00	234	\$44,900.00	65.26	2,300.00	9
Bear River	11,878.25	\$59,400.00	40	\$12,000.00	140.25	14,025.00	1
	15,228.30	\$66,800.00 ^c	308	\$96,900.00	1,228.81	\$106,625.00 ^d	10

a. July 1, 2004 to Mar. 31, 2004. b. Only reported one quarter. c. Street value for 1814.37 grams seized is unknown.

d. Street value for 26.0 grams seized is unknown.

*The amount of drugs seized reported by task forces may not represent actual seizures for which the task force can actually take credit, but may represent their participation or assistance in other agencies' drug cases.

Table 5: Other Task Force Drug Seizures

Drug	
Cocaine	109.2 grams
Amphetamime	2.2 grams
Pills	10.5 grams
Mushrooms	23.0 grams
Heroin	0.5 grams
Opiates	0.5 grams
Paraphernalia	337.0 grams

Other drugs seized by the task forces included cocaine, opiates, amphetamine, pills, mushrooms and heroin. Combined the task forces seized: 109.2 grams of cocaine, 23 grams of mushrooms, 2.2 grams of amphetamines, 10.5 pills, .5 grams of heroin and .5 grams of other opiates. Furthermore, these task forces seized 337 items of paraphernalia.