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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3711, et seq., as amended, establishes the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (Byrne) Program and, in 2005, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The JAG program replaced both the Byrne and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs. Subsequently, there is a JAG portion that is made directly available to counties for their administration, and is separate from the funds mentioned in this report.

The Act authorizes the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make formula grants to states, for use by states and local units of government, for the purpose of enforcing state and local laws which establish offenses similar to those established in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.). The Byrne program seeks to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders. The JAG program supports the same areas and, like the Byrne program, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime. This annual report reflects the cumulative results of Hawaii's state and county projects funded with the Byrne program and the state administered portion of the JAG program (State JAG).

The Governor has designated the Department of the Attorney General to administer Hawaii's Byrne grant and the State JAG program. The Governor's Committee on Crime (GCOC), the advisory body for the formula grant program, designated six funding priority areas for the Byrne program and nine funding priority areas for the State JAG program.

### **Priority Areas**

#### Byrne Program

Drug Interdiction and Treatment  
Juvenile Crime  
Prison Overcrowding  
Property Crime  
System Improvement  
Violent Crime

#### State JAG Program

Children and Elder Protection  
Criminal Justice Information System  
Community Prosecution  
Cyber Crime  
Drug Interdiction  
Offender Services  
Property Crime  
Public Safety Communication  
Violent Crime

This annual report reflects the results of the Byrne and State JAG funded projects from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The Byrne program funded the bulk of the projects listed in this report with funding from the FY 2002, 2003, and 2004 grants while the State JAG projects were funded with the FY 2005 grant. The grants are primarily used to support and seed a large number of projects where funding is limited or non-existent.

Listed below in italics are some of the authorized purpose areas that Hawaii was approved to use for the Byrne and State JAG funding. Also listed are highlights of the project accomplishments.

*Multi-jurisdictional task force programs to integrate federal, state, and local drug law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination and intelligence and facilitating multi-jurisdictional investigations.*

- Several large multi-agency sting operations were successfully conducted which resulted in the Hawaii Narcotics Task Force seizing 11,330 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 9,874 grams of cocaine, 386 grams of heroin, and 77,536 grams of marijuana. One thousand, eight hundred and twenty four arrests were made, and \$637,274 in cash, 61 weapons, and 25 vehicles were seized.
- The Statewide Marijuana Eradication Task Force seized 2,690 marijuana plots and 33 indoor marijuana grows in which 140,065 plants were destroyed. The estimated value of the eradicated marijuana was \$140,065,000. Six hundred seventy-six arrests were made, \$284,673 seized, and 48 weapons were confiscated.
- The Department of Land and Natural Resources' Maritime Intelligence and Enforcement project is making headway in interceding drug trafficking in the maritime sector and pursuing drug trafficking investigations in State recreational harbors and waters. The project works with the county police departments and other law enforcement agencies, initiated 28 drug-related investigations, participated in 10 surveillances, and reported 61 arrests.

*Improving the operational effectiveness of law enforcement through the use of crime analysis techniques, street sales enforcement, schoolyard violator programs, gang-related and low-income housing drug control programs.*

- The Maui Police Department initiated a project to target street drug sales that combined training uniform officers on gathering drug evidence and conducting presumptive field tests for illegal drugs. The officer training and field-testing bolstered the number of drug related arrests and drugs seized. Five hundred drug cases were initiated, 386 suspects were arrested, and 221 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 1,327 grams of marijuana, and 6.84 grams of cocaine were seized.

*Programs to improve the investigation and prosecution of white-collar crime, organized crime, public corruption, and fraud against the government, with priority attention to cases involving official corruption.*

- The Financial Exploitation project continued to operate in its fourth year on Oahu to improve the Department of Human Services, Adult Protective Services' response to the misuse of a dependent adult's finances and property. Pursuing cases where family members are misusing or stealing funds from their elderly parents have proven difficult. To help shed light on the problem, 13 community outreach and information sessions were held for approximately 200 attendees.

*Programs to improve the corrections system and provide additional public correctional resources, including treatment in prisons and jails, intensive supervision programs, and long-range corrections and sentencing strategies.*

- The Department of Public Safety continued to use grant funds to provide assessment, treatment, and discharge planning services for incarcerated offenders with severe and persistent mental illnesses. The project provided individualized, integrated educational and cognitive behavioral approach to 73 inmates at Halawa Correctional Facility, and 48 inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center. Treatment plans and clinical interventions were tailored to meet the mental health needs of the individual.

*Innovative programs that demonstrate new and different approaches to enforcement, prosecution, and adjudication of drug offenses and other serious crimes.*

- The Cold Case Squad began operating in October 2004 and worked to address unsolved homicide cases by increasing investigation and prosecution efforts through the specialized squad. The project initially supported three investigators, however, due to funding reductions, the project operated with two investigators in 2005-2006. Nevertheless, the squad continued to make steady progress. The squad accepted five more cold homicide cases (for a total of 14 cases) and worked to refer two more cases (for a total of 5 cases) for prosecution to the Department of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Division.
- The Hawaii High Technology Crime Unit (HHTCU) strategy to stop high tech (computer and computer-related) crime is a comprehensive approach. Since its inception in 2002, the unit's computer forensic examiners have completed examinations on approximately 68 hard drives and a variety of removable media. They have assisted in the recovery of digital evidence and the execution of search warrants in at least 15 cases. Throughout the year, HHTCU provided comprehensive trainings to multi-disciplinary agencies and provided a platform for peers to network and continue building working, sustainable relationships.

*Criminal justice information systems (including automated fingerprint identification systems) to assist law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections organizations.*

- The Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) continued to work to develop and implement enhancements to CJIS-Hawaii (the State's criminal history repository system) that has electronic interfaces and integration with other automated systems (police booking, prosecutor case management, court information, and corrections management) and the Green Box (an integrated livescan electronic arrest/booking system). HCJDC continued to work with the Maui and Honolulu Police Departments during this reporting period to integrate the county police systems with CJIS so that all county arrest/booking information, fingerprints, and mug photos statewide can be transmittable electronically to the State's AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), CJIS-Hawaii, and the FBI's fingerprint identification system.

*Program to enforce child abuse and neglect laws, including laws protecting against child sex abuse, and promoting programs designed to prevent child abuse and neglect.*

- The Maui Police Department, in their response to sexual exploitation of children via the Internet, has identified, in undercover investigations, 40 suspects that possess and offer to share child pornography via the Internet. The suspects were referred to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Two arrests were made and investigative subpoenas were issued in three cases.

#### *Law Enforcement Programs*

- The Honolulu Police Department used grant funds to track and seize stolen firearms and firearms used in the commission of crimes. During its first four months of operation (May to August 2006), nine firearms were seized: two Mossberg 12 gauge shotguns, two 45 caliber handguns, two 9 mm semiautomatic handguns, a 357 revolver, a 22 caliber Marlin rifle, and a 38 caliber revolver.
- The Department of the Attorney General (AG) began in 2006 a comprehensive response to individuals that have not complied with the required Hawaii Revised Statutes 846E, Registration of Sex Offenders and Other Covered Offenders and Public Access to Registration Information. The AG response includes: 1) creating a centralized repository of noncompliant cases; 2) reviewing with public safety officials their responsibility to cover the requirements and complete the registration form with those in custody; 3) locating the whereabouts of the covered individuals; and 4) preparing cases for court for those failing to comply. The target populations are unregistered sex offenders, offenders with unverified information, and delinquent cases where the individual did not complete the registration process.

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