RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2017 DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2012), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a grant from the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration is available to the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Office for the 2017 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Operation Plan must be submitted to the regional DEA coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Office; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the attached application for the 2017 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/suppression program grant.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 24th day of

June

ATTEST:

Sarpy County Board Chairman

Sarpy County Clerk
MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board
From: Lisa A. Haire
Re: 2017 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant

On June 21, 2016 the County Board will be asked to sign the 2017 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program grant application.

The grant application will request $30,000 to defray costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit cannabis. The funds are primarily intended for payment of overtime; however, funding for equipment, training, and travel are also being requested.

No local match is required.

Please contact Sgt. Don Voss or Sheriff Davis with any questions.

June 17, 2016
Lisa A. Haire
593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
    Brian Hanson
    Scott Bovick
    Sheriff Davis
    Sgt. Don Voss
    Deb Houghtaling
Fiscal Year
2017
Annual Strategic Plan

State/Local Agency Name: Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept.

I. Domestic Cannabis Intelligence Overview:

A. Self Assessment - Summary of the previous year's activities and if the agency met last year's Annual Strategic Plan goals (include general statistical and expense results). Explain any reasons for a significant rise or drop of eradication statistics from the previous season.

Last year the Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit detected 21 grow sites with 18 on public land and 3 on private property. Over 3000 plants were eradicated and 71 pounds of processed Marijuana was recovered and seized. There were 9 arrests on state charges related to the eradication efforts.

A majority, 95% of last years eradication funds was put towards overtime so that surveillance and trash recovery operations could be conducted on target homes and areas. Training and related costs accounted for the remaining 5% of the eradication funds.

There has been a reduction in grow operations likely due to the legalization of Marijuana in the neighboring state of Colorado. Sarpy County is only 500 miles from the Colorado border. Research indicates that many Marijuana dealers in the Sarpy County and Metro Omaha area are driving to Colorado and purchasing processed Marijuana from legal sellers and transporting the Marijuana back to the area. The Nebraska State Patrol and local Sheriff's Departments with jurisdictions that include Interstate 80 are experiencing high numbers of trafficking arrests from motorists transporting Marijuana from the state of Colorado to points east.

B. Current Projections - Degree of problem in your Area of Responsibility (AOR), general geographical locations of major cultivation (regions/counties/towns/sub-divisions/parks), identity/association of violators (individuals and organizations), and level of sophistication (e.g., booby-traps/alarms, etc.)

Sarpy County Nebraska has a population of approximately 158,000 people and is 235 square miles. The county is 75% rural and 25% residential. The majority of the growing operations dismantled over the past few years were mid sized indoor growing operations of one hundred plants or less. Regardless of the grow size each operation was equipped with automatic watering systems, ventilation systems, humidity control system and timer controlled lighting. Most grow operations have been discovered in the basements of urban homes including one operation that was concealed behind a false wall. Outdoor growing operations have been discovered in rural farmland or wooded areas.

C. Percentage of Enforcement Spent On: Public Lands vs. Private Lands
Outdoor Cultivation vs. Indoor Grows

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II. State / Local Eradication Suppression Program:

A. Agency Point of Contact (POC):

Name: Sergeant Don Voss
The Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit has many resources readily available to utilize, including but not limited to drug detecting dogs, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, aircraft and unlimited manpower.

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit will utilize aircraft surveillance, vehicle surveillance, informants, intelligence gathering, tips and Crime Stoppers Program. The Sheriff's Uniform Patrol Division is a great source of information and tips relating to growing operations both indoor and out.

B. Who is your agency POC for the DEA Internet Capability Endeavor (DICE):'

Name: Terry L. James
Summarize how your agency will, with its own law enforcement personnel and employees, perform the activities and duties described below:

1. Gather and report intelligence data relating to the illicit cultivation, possession, and distribution of cannabis.
2. Investigate and report instances involving the trafficking in controlled substances.
3. Provide law enforcement personnel for the eradication of illicit cannabis located within AOR.
4. Make arrests and refer to the appropriate prosecutorial authority cases for prosecution under controlled substances laws and other criminal laws.
5. Send required samples of eradicated cannabis to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Potency Monitoring Project.
6. Submit to DEA quarterly expenditure reports.

1. The Sarpy County Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit is a member of the Omaha Metro Area Drug Task Force. All intelligence relating to narcotics activity is shared with other Task Force member through monthly meetings. Specifically, the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Department maintains a data base with information on all local traffickers and cultivators.

2. When a report or complaint of trafficking is received a case is opened and all resources are directed to the investigate the case. The Narcotics Unit utilizes paid and unpaid confidential informants to provide information or make covert purchases of controlled substances.

3. The Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit will conduct all eradication operations unless addition manpower is required. In that event addition manpower can be utilized by other members of the Omaha Metro Area Task Force.

4. As a Federal Task Force member the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit will conduct investigations and make arrests in multiple jurisdictions requiring a close working relationship with several prosecutorial authorities including the US Attorney’s Office.

5. The sending of samples to NIDA is the duty of the Narcotics Unit Supervisor.

6. Quarterly expenditure reports are submitted by the Narcotics Unit Supervisor.
C. **Requirements for DEA Funding:** denote amount of funding for each category requested by your agency to accomplish program goals.  
*Note: Final allocated funds will be determined by DEA/HQS and is based on the agency's abilities, effectiveness, and program objectives. All expenditures for equipment and supplies/materials will require prior approval by DEA Headquarters.*

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D. **Audits:** Grantees and sub-grantees are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and federal agency implementing regulations. An independent auditor, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards covering financial and compliance audits, shall make the audits.

Date of agency's last audit: 6/30/2015

III. **Explain how your agency plans to coordinate with other Government Agencies (Program Participation and Resources Commitments):**

A. U.S. Forest Service

N/A
B. Bureau of Land Management

N/A

C. National Guard

The Sarpy County Sheriff’s Department works in cooperation with the Nebraska National Guard and the Nebraska Game and Parks Division to locate, identify and report cannabis growing operations. The National Guard also provides a Special Operations Unit which conducts short and long term surveillance operations.

D. Civil Air Patrol

Available if needed

IV. Explain how your agency will support Statewide Intelligence Sharing:

A. Central repository or collection ability for eradication statistics.

All eradication statistics are available to the Nebraska State patrol Office through the DICE system for statewide accounting. Information is also shared through monthly meetings of the Omaha Metro Area Task Force.
B. Intelligence and trends (cultivators, traffickers, distribution, etc.)

The Nebraska State Patrol maintains a statewide database for the gathering of information on drug traffickers and Marijuana cultivators which is available to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

V. List equipment your Agency proposes to purchase this year with DCE/SP funds:

**Note:** DCE/SP funds are intended to be used to purchase supplies and equipment directly related to the program activities. Though equipment/supplies may be specifically itemized in the Operational Proposal, they are not automatically approved for purchase. LOA equipment purchases should not exceed 10% of its allocated funds. Any exemptions require DEA Headquarters approval. All expenditures for equipment and supplies/materials will require prior approval by DEA Headquarters.

No equipment is needed at this time and there are no plans to purchase.

VI. Training Requirements:

A. Name of Agency Training Coordinator:

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B. Describe any training your agency intends to conduct this year to include cannabis detection and eradication schools for other Federal agencies, National Guard, and state/local officers.³

None scheduled at this time.

VII. Targeted Investigations:

A. Summary of law enforcement activities which your agency is conducting and/or plans to initiate during this year.

In the rural areas of Sarpy County a concentrated effort will be made to investigate and identify sophisticated outdoor growing operations that may be concealed by other legitimate agricultural operations. This will likely require the use of aircraft or perhaps drones.

B. Summary of special or enforcement operations that your agency intends on conducting during the year.

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office will continue its aggressive campaign of investigating and eradication marijuana growing operations.

VIII. National Environmental Policy Issues (describe if applicable)⁴:

N/A
For assistance, please contact your State DEA DCE/SP Coordinator or DEA DCE/SP Regional Contractor.

Signature and Date of Agency Official approving Annual Strategic Plan
(PLEASE SIGN IN BLUE INK)

Chairman of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

Print Name and Title of Agency Official approving Annual Strategic Plan

FOOTNOTES:

1 Web-based DEA Internet Capability Enabler (DICE) and TFOs with Fax/Internet access to the DEA Analysis and Response Tracking System (DARTS). Effective in 2012, all participants in the DCE/SP are required to use DICE or DARTS for reporting statistics (on each incident), submission or reportable intelligence, deconfliction, and for the sharing of information.

2 None of the Asset Forfeiture Funds allocated to you may be used to purchase promotional items, gifts, mementos, tokens of appreciation, or other similar items. These will include items justified as training aids if they are embarked, engraved, or printed with the agency or program logo. All expenditures for equipment and supplies/materials will require prior approval by DEA Headquarters.

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4 The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to consider the potential effects on the human environment of major federal actions. Pursuant to NEPA, DEA has published regulations under which manual eradication in normally categorically excluded activity is not considered NEPA. Pursuant to NEPA, DEA has published regulations under which manual eradication in normally categorized excluded activity is not considered NEPA. Any proposed use or funding of herbicides should be described in this section.