

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT

### *Part A. Justification:*

#### 1. Necessity of Information Collection.

On September 13, 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322). Title I of the "crime bill," the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 (the Act), authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia thereof to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community, to address crime and disorder problems, and to otherwise enhance public safety.

The COPS Office has provided a grant to the Partnership at Drugfree.org ("the Partnership") to complete a needs assessment of law enforcement, prevention and treatment organizations, as well as educators and parents, designed to inform the development of an empirically guided collaborative substance abuse prevention manual and program for trainers. To achieve this aim the Partnership will create a web-based survey to reach a convenience sample of law enforcement organizations and smaller subsets of prevention and treatment agencies, and educators.. Information gathered in this needs assessment research is necessary to inform the development of the new community partnership training manual content and procedures. The elements of the program must accurately reflect the actual needs of the community stakeholders involved – law enforcement, prevention, treatment and education professionals – in order to be effective.

#### 2. Needs and Uses

The information needs of this survey are as follows:

- Basic demographics of the participant and the community/law enforcement agency;
- Attitudes, beliefs and perceptions about the ability of law enforcement and community agencies to collaboratively deliver prevention programs to educate parents and reduce adolescent substance use;
- Analysis of the relationship and linkages with other community agencies including strength of the relationships, barriers to successful and sustainable linkages, and recommendations for improvement;
- Questions specific to adoption (e.g. feasibility, confidence, motivation, and needs) for both the individual and their agency.

This information will be used to develop the training manual to help educate law enforcement and other community stakeholders on the value of collaborative community partnerships in prevention programs and how to form, nurture and sustain these relationships in

order to deliver the substance abuse prevention programming. The manual will be an adjunct to a half day training program for law enforcement, prevention and education specialists on how to deliver the Partnership's prevention programs most effectively. The needs assessment is qualitative pilot research using a mixed data collection approach to help inform manual and training content only. It is not designed to be a representative sample of law enforcement, prevention and education specialists. No statistics will be published nor will references be made that any findings can be generalized outside this convenience sample.

3. Efforts to Minimize Burden

The burden on the public will be minimal:

The total time to complete the survey will be approximately 15 minutes. Up to 300 individuals will be recruited to participate in the survey, which will be weighted to include at least 150 law enforcement officers. The remainder of the participants will consist of treatment and prevention providers, and educators.

This is a one-time survey. No respondent will take the survey more than once.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

There is no duplicative effort. The survey does not duplicate a current information collection instrument.

5. Methods to Minimize Burden on Small Business

There is no significant impact on small business.

6. Consequences of Less Frequent Collection

This is a one-time survey so there is no way for less frequent collection. Fewer respondents would not allow sufficient information to yield reliable information to help with the development of the manual.

7. Special Circumstances Influencing Collection

There are no special circumstances that would influence the collection of information.

8. Reasons for Inconsistencies with 5 CFR 1320.6

There are no inconsistencies with this regulation. The COPS Office will display the valid OMB Control Number, expiration date, and PRA Notice on the survey. The COPS Office also sought public comment through posting 60-day and 30-day *Federal Register* notices. The COPS Office did not receive any public comments on this information collection.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

No funds will be used as payment or for gifts to respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

No assurance of confidentiality has been made to respondents.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

There are no questions of a sensitive nature. No information commonly considered as private is included in the proposed requested information.

12. Estimate of Hour Burden

Maximum total participants: 300

Maximum interview length: 15 Minutes

Total Public Burden: 75 Hours

13. Estimate of Cost Burden

This collection will not generate any costs other than those associated with the respondents' time. Therefore, the estimated burden cost is \$0.

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to Federal Government

The annualized cost to the Federal government is \$9,000.00, which is part of the total contract awarded to the Partnership at Drugfree.org for the Needs Assessment Survey Instrument.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

No changes, proposed new collection.

16. Publication

The information collected will be used to create a training protocol which will ultimately be published in a manual available to law enforcement agencies nationally. The Partnership will not publish statistics (descriptive or inferential) in journals specific to the results of the survey (e.g. 60% of law enforcement officials want more treatment for substance users). The information that will be published in the manual may include a section on recommendations of how agencies/organizations can work together to prevent substance abuse in the community. It will also not contain specific survey data identifiable to individual respondents.

17. Request not to Display OMB Control Number

The COPS Office will display the OMB approval number and expiration date on the upper right hand corner of the collection instrument.

18. Exceptions to Certification Statement

The COPS Office does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.