

Item # 5-1

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: 07/29/08

Agenda Date Requested: 8/07/08

Time Requested: Consent Agenda

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Carson City Sheriff's Office

Subject Title: Action to approve the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant 08-JAG-01, TRINET Narcotics Task Force, in the amount of \$91,000.00

Staff Summary: The Office of Criminal Justice Assistance administers grant funds to state and local units of government for a wide variety of programs to improve the criminal justice system. This grant provides partial funding for two positions assigned to the Task Force.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve the acceptance of the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant 08-JAG-01, TRINET Narcotics Task Force, in the amount of \$91,000.00

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The manufacture, cultivation, trafficking, sales and use of illicit narcotics continues to be a significant crisis in our geographical region. The TRINET Narcotics Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional narcotic task force which conducts and supports narcotics related investigations in Carson City, Douglas County and Lyon County.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: This grant requires matching funds of \$154,822. This amount is already included in all budget documents previously presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Explanation of Impact: See above

Funding Source: Almost 40 percent of the funds for this project have been obtained through the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance. The remainder of the funding is through the General Fund.

Alternatives: No participation in the grant

Supporting Material: Grant Award and application, which includes a full description of the project.

Prepared By: Kathie Heath, Business Manager

Reviewed By: _____
(Department Head)
_____ (Signature)
_____ (City Manager)
_____ (Signature)
_____ (District Attorney)
_____ (Signature)
_____ (Finance Director)

Date: _____
Date: 7/29/08
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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

Grant Award

SUBGRANTEE:	Carson City Sheriff's Office	PROJECT NUMBER:	08-JAG-01
ADDRESS:	911 E. Musser Street Carson City, NV 89701	FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:	\$91,000.00
PROJECT TITLE:	Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force	MATCHING FUNDS:	\$0.00
GRANT PERIOD	July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009	TOTAL:	\$91,000.00

APPROVED BUDGET FOR PROJECT

CATEGORY	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS
Personnel	\$ 86,000.00
Consultant/Contractual Services	\$00.00
Travel/Training	\$00.00
Supplies/Operating	\$00.00
Equipment	\$00.00
Confidential Funds	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 91,000.00

This award is subject to the requirements (General and Fiscal Conditions, including General Operating Policies) established by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Nevada Department of Public Safety.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: This project is subject to such conditions or limitations as set forth on the attached page(s).

AGENCY APPROVAL

Michelle Hamilton, Chief
Office of Criminal Justice Assistance

SUB-GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE

Kenny Furlong, Sheriff
Carson City Sheriff's Office


Signature of Approving Official Date 6/25/08

 7/1/08
Signature of Approving Official Date



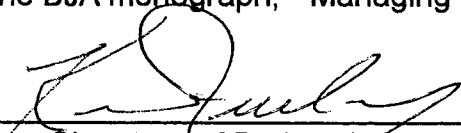
STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

SPECIAL CONDITION


SPECIAL CONDITION FOR EXPENDITURE OF CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS

AGENCY: Carson City Sheriff's Office
PROJECT TITLE: Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force
PROJECT NO: 08-JAG-01

Prior to the expenditure of the **\$ 5,000.00** allocated for confidential funds, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the conditions pertaining to confidential funds as set forth in the effective edition of the OJP Guideline Manual, "Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants." I will also utilize the procedures set forth in the BJA monograph, "Managing Confidential Funds."



Signature of Project Director



Date



STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Office of Criminal Justice Assistance

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
SPECIAL CONDITION

***SPECIAL CONDITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT
OF GRANT EXPENDITURES***

AGENCY: Carson City Sheriff's Office

PROJECT TITLE: Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force

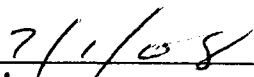
PROJECT NO.: 08-JAG-01

Due to the possible delay in receiving the JAG funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, expenses incurred for the above named project cannot be reimbursed to sub-grantees prior to receipt of funds by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA). This may be as late as October 2008. Please be aware that late charges are not reimbursable with federal grant funds.

In order for OCJA to be aware of the program's expenses and progress, the monthly financial reports and quarterly reports will continue to be submitted on their original due dates.



Signature of Project Director



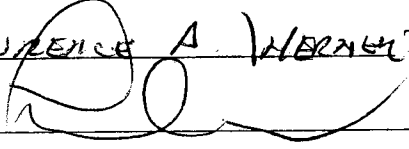
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**Office of Criminal Justice Assistance
Financial Assurances**

The sub-grantee hereby assures compliance with the following conditions as part of the Notice of Grant Award:

1. A monthly financial report shall be submitted to the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) no later than 30 days following the close of each month of the grant period. Financial reports (claims) must be submitted on the approved form available on the OCJA web page <http://www.ocj.nv.gov>.
2. The **final** financial claim form must be submitted to OCJA no later than 30 days following the end of the grant period. Late reports, unless approved by OCJA, will result in non-payment of final claim.
3. Grantee/Sub-grantee understands that, except for extraordinary circumstances handled on a case-by-case basis, requests to transfer funds between budget categories or requests to purchase items not previously authorized, will not be approved. Written approval must be obtained from the OCJA prior to the transfer of funds between budget categories or the expenditure of funds for newly identified items. Requests must be made on the Project Change Request form available on the OCJA web page.
4. During the last 60 days of the grant period, requests to purchase items not previously authorized in the grant award **will not be approved**. Emergency purchases will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Transfer of funds between budget categories during the last 60 days of the grant period expressly to purchase equipment items not previously authorized in the grant award **will not be approved**.
5. Grant revenue and expenditure records must be maintained and made available to OCJA for audit.
6. OCJA retains the right to terminate this grant for cause at any time before completion of the grant period when it has determined the grantee/subgrantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant award.
7. Financial management must comply with the requirements of OMB Circulars A-102 or A-110; whichever is applicable to your organization, and which are incorporated into this agreement by reference.
8. All grant expenditures are to be reasonable and allowable in accordance with OMB Circular A-21, A-87, or A-122, whichever is applicable to your organization and which are incorporated into this agreement by reference.

9. Grantee/sub-grantee shall comply with the audit requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendment of 1986 and OMB Circular A-133, which is incorporated into this agreement by reference to include the required submission of the most recent annual independent audit, as prescribed in sections 310 and 315 and section 320, paragraph f.
10. Required documentation for the performance of internal audits must be provided upon OCJA request within 30 days. Grant closeout is contingent upon OCJA audit and resolution of any discrepancies.

Name: LAWRENCE A. WERNER Title: City Manager
Signature:  Date: 7/2/03

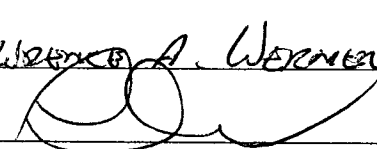
This document must be signed by the County Manager/Chief Financial Officer/Tribal Chairman or his/her designee or the state agency director as appropriate.

All OMB circulars referenced above are available on the OCJA web page at <http://www.ocj.nv.gov>

**Office of Criminal Justice Assistance
Program Assurances**

The applicant hereby assures compliance with the following conditions as part of the Notice of Grant Award:

1. A quarterly program report shall be submitted to the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) on the approved form no later than 30 days following the close of each quarter of the grant period. Late reports, unless approved by OCJA, will delay reimbursement. Forms are available at <http://www.ocj.nv.gov/ocj/Forms.htm>.
2. The final program report must be submitted to OCJA no later than 30 days following the end of the grant period. Late reports, unless approved by OCJA, will result in non-payment of final claim.
3. OCJA retains the right to terminate this grant, for cause, at any time before completion of the grant period when it has determined the grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant award.
4. Any publication, invention, patent, photograph, negative, book, drawing, record, document, or other material prepared by the grantee/sub-grantee in the performance of its obligations under this grant **must identify the funding source.**
5. The grantee/sub-grantee agrees to indemnify, save and hold the state, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from the performance of this agreement by grantee/sub-grantee or its agents or employees.

Name: Lawrence A. Warner Title: City Manager
Signature:  Date: 7/2/08

This document must be signed by the County Manager/Chief Financial Officer/Tribal Chairman or his/her designee or the state agency director as appropriate.

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG)

Title Page (4 points)

- A. Applicant Agency: Carson City Sheriff's Office
- B. Address: 911 E Musser Street, Carson City, NV 89701
- C. Project Title: Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force
- D. Project Period: From: 7/01/2008 To: 6/30/2009
- E. Authorized Purpose Area: (one area only) Purpose Areas 1 – Law Enforcement
- F. If your County or City received a direct award, did you apply? Yes G. If yes, enter amount \$37,134

H. Project Director:

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J. Project Contact Person :

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Previous Byrne Funding :

Year	Grant Number	Federal \$ Amount
2007	07-JAG-03	\$115,854
2006	06-JAG-01	\$121,109
2005	05-JAG-02	\$156,124
2004	04-NC-001	\$157,124

Budget Summary:

	Federal \$ Requested
Personnel	\$ 86,000
Consultant/Contract	\$ 0
Travel/Training	\$ 0
Supplies/Operating	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Confidential Funds	\$ 5,000
TOTAL FEDERAL \$ REQUESTED	\$ 91,000

Certification:

The signature of the authorized official of the agency making application hereby certifies the accuracy of the information in this application and agrees to comply with all provisions of the applicable grant program.

Name: Ken Furlong Telephone 775-887-2020, ext 41900
Title: Sheriff Fax 775-887-2026

Signature  Date

Part 2. GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force was created in February, 1988, with assistance from the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Funds. Tri-NET has continued to grow and exist under the old Byrne Grant Funds and is now funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds.

Tri-NET is a multi-jurisdictional narcotic task force consisting of the following participating entities:

- Nevada Department of Public Safety - Investigation Division
- Carson City Sheriff's Office
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Lyon County Sheriff's Office
- Nevada National Guard Counterdrug Task Force
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Tri-NET conducts and supports narcotics related investigations with focused enforcement efforts in the member agency counties of Douglas, Carson and Lyon. These three counties cover a geographic area of approximately 3,146 square miles and have a combined static population of approximately 200,000 people. Additionally, there is a large transient population of tourists throughout the year. Nevada's population continues to grow despite the current housing and mortgage conditions and a slowing national and State economy. Lyon County is among the top counties in the Nation for population growth.

In an effort to conduct quality large-scale narcotic related investigations, Tri-NET is currently comprised of the following personnel: One (1) Nevada DPS Sergeant, three (3) Nevada DPS Detectives, one (1) Lyon County Sheriff's Detective, one (1) Douglas County Sheriff's Detective, two (2) Carson City Sheriff's Detectives and two (2) Nevada DPS Administrative Assistants.

Tri-NET is physically located in the Carson City headquarters office of the DPS – Investigation Division. A DPS – Investigation Division Lieutenant is assigned the supervision over three narcotics units which consist of the Tri-NET Narcotics task Force, the North Central Narcotics Task Force located in Fallon, Nevada and the newly formed Traveling Narcotics Task Force (TNT).

As mentioned above, Tri-NET is complimented by one (1) Nevada National Guard Counterdrug Unit member. The National Guard member is responsible for coordinating efforts with the R.A.I.D. (Reconnaissance And Interdiction Detachment) helicopters, analyzing narcotics and intelligence and the handling of a drug-detection canine. The aforementioned R.A.I.D. is a valuable asset to this Task Force. They are able to provide air support for numerous different applications, such as: visibility for search warrants, aerial photography of suspect houses/neighborhoods, marijuana eradication, and numerous other scenarios.

The DEA Agent has become a permanent commitment by the Reno DEA office for over one year. The DEA Agent brings an invaluable resource to the task force in conducting investigations into large scale trafficking organizations due to the resources accessible from the DEA. This includes the availability to supply telephonic pen register equipment, operation and funding.

Many of the DPS and/or Sheriff's Detectives assigned to Tri-NET have changed during the last year. The current Detectives/Task Force Officer's (TFO's) currently range in experience from less than one year of narcotics training and experience to seasoned officers with more than 20 years of experience in law enforcement. Within the next year, it is expected that these new detectives/TFO's will be fully trained and capable of increasing their work load.

Methamphetamine continues to be the drug of choice and flows through this Task Force's area of responsibility on a non-stop basis. Due to the most recent state and federal restrictions on the chemicals used to manufacture Methamphetamine in the United States, the price of Methamphetamine coming from Mexico has gone up. This has forced major drug traffickers to consider alternative sources of income.

The Task Force has noted an increase in the use and availability of Cocaine, and even a marked increase in the use and availability of Heroin. Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (MDTOs) are involved in sale and distribution of Methamphetamine and Cocaine. The MDTOs have been and remain the largest offenders of illicit narcotic laws in the State of Nevada. The reason for this is that Mexico does not have the restrictions on Methamphetamine manufacturing chemicals that the United States does. Consequently, MDTOs are able to produce extremely large quantities of Methamphetamine, transport it into the United States and then distribute those quantities among the streets of our community. MDTOs have proven very difficult to completely dismantle, due to the fact that the "leaders" of the MDTO are insulated by a large number of low-level street dealers. Because MDTOs are the principal violators of the Nevada laws, Tri-NET will continue to locate, investigate, and dismantle them.

The Task Force has and continues to focus its investigative efforts and resources to identify, disrupt, dismantle and terminate the organized operations of the MDTO's. In addition, the Task Force has had some success in the identification and investigation of cases involving pharmaceutical controlled substance cases.

Tri-NET has been very successful its accomplishments over the roughly 20 years of its existence. For the fiscal year ended June 2007 the Task Force had 88 arrests. For the period six month period ended December 2007 the Task Force had 32 arrests. Examples of some of the successful cases during the last year are:

In May 2007, Tri-NET was requested by the Washoe County District Attorney's Office to investigate allegations that a Saint Mary's ER doctor had been writing prescriptions for Vicodin for two topless dancers at the Wild Orchid. The investigation revealed that for six weeks encompassing April and May 2007, a female dancer received ten (10) prescriptions for Vicodin from a local doctor with a total pill count of 775. Additionally, another female dancer received two prescriptions from the same doctor, one for Vicodin and the other for Xanax.

Neither woman was a patient of the suspect doctor. One of the females was sent undercover to meet with the doctor and was able to obtain a confession from him concerning his unlawfully written the prescriptions. On October 30, 2007, the doctor was arrested and charged with two (2) felony counts of the Unlawful Dispensing of a Controlled Substance in violation of NRS 453.381.

In another case which began in 2006, TRI-NET was conducting a long-term investigation into a MDTO. The case employed at least two Confidential Sources and resulted in several buy operations and arrests. In September 2007, two additional suspects were arrested and a search warrant was executed. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of over one pound of Methamphetamine, numerous guns, vehicles and over \$10,000 in cash.

In October 2007 and December 2007 the Task Force was successful in purchasing multiple ounces of Methamphetamine in two separate cases.

As previously noted above, the Task Force has noted a rise in the use, sale and trafficking of Heroin. As of November 2007, the Task Force was working eight open cases for Heroin. The targets for these cases were young adults.

Part 3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Methamphetamine History and DEA Lab Analysis:

In fact, Methamphetamine has been evolving since it was first produced in the late 19th Century. Originally produced by chemists to combat depression and fight obesity, Methamphetamine was then used during World War I and II to help combat fighter fatigue. After the government realized that Methamphetamine abuse was becoming a problem, it was banned as a prescribed drug. In the early 1980's, Methamphetamine made a comeback when Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs) began clandestinely manufacturing it in powder form. This early form of powder methamphetamine, while highly addictive, only had a purity level of about 15 – 50%. The newest form of Methamphetamine, referred to on the street as “Ice” or “Crystal” is even more addictive, with purity levels ranging from 60 – 99%. Methamphetamine seized in our geographical region over the past few years has been sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Regional Drug Laboratory for quantitative analysis and has been scientifically proven to be in the highest purity brackets (93 – 99% pure).

Problem Overview/Analysis:

The manufacture, cultivation, trafficking, sales, and ultimate use of illicit narcotics and dangerous drugs has been and continues to be an exceptionally significant crisis in our geographical region. Methamphetamine continues to be the most prevalent illicit narcotic abused in Northern Nevada.

On January 22, 2007, Governor Jim Gibbons issued an Executive Order commissioning the Governor's Working Group on Methamphetamine Use. As a result of this Working Group, a report titled, “Governor's 2007 Strategic Approach to Reducing Methamphetamine Use in Nevada” was published.

Within the Governor's 2007 report a “No Safe Haven” initiative was discussed which was directed toward the Methamphetamine manufacturers, traffickers, sellers and users in the Tri-County area in which Tri-NET operates. According to the report, “The key to this effort is cooperation and collaboration between all law enforcement agencies within the Tri-county area.” The report went on to say that “Tri-Net is the hub of this collaborative effort.”

On page 42 of the Governor's report, Mr. Don Helling, Director of Operations for the Nevada Department of Corrections presented inmate statistics to the Working Group. The statistics represented a six week period from April 2007 and May 2007 when 368 new intakes into the Northern Nevada Correctional Center (located in Carson City). Selected statistics are noted as follows:

- 258 (70%) report first using Methamphetamine at age 14 or under.

- 184 (50%) report that they committed all their crimes while under the influence of Methamphetamine.
- 294 (80%) reported regular Methamphetamine use.
- Of the 294, 98 (one third) are incarcerated for trafficking.

The street price for Methamphetamine continues to rise as legislation is passed which has made it harder to manufacture the product domestically. Because of rising cost of Methamphetamine, drug traffickers are looking for other illicit narcotics to peddle. As previously noted Tri-NET has noted an increase in the use, sale and trafficking of Cocaine and Heroin during the last year.

Heroin has become a popular drug due to the rising costs of Methamphetamine, and Controlled Prescription Narcotics. The Task Force has noted that the use of Heroin by young adults and even teenagers is on the increase due to the higher costs per use over prescription drugs. The street price for 1/10 of a gram of Heroin is ranging from \$7 -\$20. This translates into 1 to 3 doses per purchase by the user which is easily affordable by teenagers.

Since the inception of the Tri-NET Narcotics Task Force in 1988 through February 29, 2007, the Task Force has opened 2,690 cases. The Task Force has seized 2,274,530 grams of Marijuana (5077 pounds), 1,411 Marijuana plants, 85,037 grams of Methamphetamine (190 pounds), 10,549 grams of Cocaine, 118 grams of Heroin, 630 grams of LSD, 163 grams of Hallucinogenic Mushrooms, 911 dosage units of Ecstasy, 619 dosage units of Steroids, and 134 dosage units of OxyContin/Prescription Drugs. The Task Force has also dismantled 37 clandestine Methamphetamine labs since 1988.

The Task Force has made over 2400 arrests, executed 130 search warrants and seized over \$800,000 in cash and 139 vehicles.

Notable areas of change in the Task Force's seizures have occurred in the past year. During the eight months ended February 2008, the Task Force seized/purchased 73 grams of Heroin. This represents 61% of the total Heroin seized/purchased by the Task Force since its inception of 1988. In addition, in September 2007, the Task Force seized 506 dosage units of Ecstasy. This single seizure more than doubled the Task Force's amount of Ecstasy which was 405 dosage units prior to the September case.

Part 4. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

All narcotic task forces deal with the same issue, no matter the size of the community of the task force: the community is systematically destroyed by the manufacturing, trafficking, sales, and use of illegal drugs. Consequently, the overall mission of a narcotic task force remains the same: locate, identify, arrest, and ultimately aid in the prosecution of those individuals and organizations responsible for the manufacturing, trafficking, sales, and use of illegal drugs.

In the prior grant year, Tri-NET identified two primary goals to accomplishing the overall mission described above. For the current grant year, Tri-Net will retain the vision of these established goals and add a third goal. The prior year's goals have been reformulated and summarized below for incorporation into this grant report.

The first goal for any narcotic task force should be effective communication with other law enforcement entities in the area. If we are not effectively communicating, we are missing out on vital information necessary to the arrest and prosecution of drug offenders.

Goal 1: To increase the productive exchange of criminal intelligence information between this Task Force and other law enforcement agencies, locally. This productive exchange can be measured by the number of arrests of drug manufacturers, traffickers, sellers, and users. As shown in the Problem Statement Section, an extremely large percentage of crimes in general have a direct nexus to narcotics and narcotics abuse. Intelligence sharing by local law enforcement will lead to valuable information necessary for the arrest and prosecution of drug offenders. Each of the three Tri-Net participating Counties all have Street Enforcement Teams (SET) that focus on street level crimes (gangs, burglary, small amounts of narcotics, prostitution, etc...). This Task Force will communicate effectively with these other entities to ensure the utmost in crime prevention and to ensure the safety of all involved.

Objective: Continue local law enforcement briefings and increase the level of participation in intelligence meetings related to criminal activity. This grant year's goal will be to conduct joint multi-agency meetings with the local SET teams and Tri-NET on a monthly basis and invite the SET team members to attend Tri-Net's weekly operational briefings. This goal is on-going and can be measured by recording the number of times this Task Force meets with other local law enforcement entities for intelligence gathering and sharing.

Goal 2: Tri-NET will focus on ensuring the safety and welfare of the citizens of Douglas, Carson City, and Lyon Counties by suppressing the distribution, manufacture, trafficking, sales, and use of illegal narcotics, with assistance from the intelligence gathered in Goal #1.

Objective: Within the upcoming year, this Task Force will identify at least 25 drug manufacturers and/or traffickers who are capable of producing and/or distributing multi-ounce to pound quantities of methamphetamine and/or cocaine within the tri-county area. This will be tracked by the number of arrests made of these individuals, and/or the controlled purchase of multi-ounce to pound quantities from these individuals. This objective will encompass mostly long-term investigations. The number of person was reduced for this grant year from 35 to 25 due to the addition of the third goal.

Goal 3: The DPS – Investigation Division has a unit established in Las Vegas called Pharm-Net. Pharm-Net was established to conduct investigations into the diversion of pharmaceutical Controlled Substances. The use of illegally obtained pharmaceutical controlled substances is a nationwide problem and is acknowledged as a gateway for many users into illicit drugs. As briefly noted in the General Overview section of this report, Tri-NET has had success in the investigation and prosecution of criminal conduct concerning prescription controlled substance violations. Tri-NET will actively increase its focus on the investigation of pharmaceutical controlled substance violations.

Objective: In the next grant year the Task Force will identify and investigate 10 cases involving the unlawful possession, sale, or trafficking in prescription controlled substances, use/distribution of forged prescriptions, unlawful dispensing of prescriptions or any combination of illegal activity involving the diversion of prescription controlled substances. This objective will be measured based upon the number of arrests made for violations involving prescription controlled substances and/or the number of cases opened involving the purchase of prescription controlled substances.

Part 5. METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force is comprised of seven Detectives/Task Force Officers, one intelligence analyst (National Guard), one sergeant, and two clerical support staff. Additionally, we are supported and assisted by all of the surrounding local, state, and federal agencies. Furthermore, we are supported and assisted by our largest group of intelligence gatherers: the public that we serve. With all of these resources at our fingertips, we will work toward the eradication of illicit narcotic trafficking, sales, manufacture, and use.

We will accomplish the above listed goals and objectives through the aggressive and determined implementation of the following: intelligence gathering, intelligence sharing, thorough and lengthy investigation, undercover and clandestine operations to infiltrate drug trafficking organizations, the use of cooperating sources to conduct controlled purchases of narcotics, implementation of physical and electronic surveillance, and numerous other investigative techniques.

In reference to goal #1, we will improve our intelligence sharing and gathering techniques by communicating openly with law enforcement on a local, state, and federal level. With so many new enforcement teams being supported by the participating agencies, intelligence sharing is paramount. Not only to assist in the arrest and subsequent prosecution of offenders, but also to ensure the safety of officers and the community during controlled purchase and surveillance operations. Only when we reach our goals of increased intelligence sharing will we reach goal #2. It is a widely accepted and documented principle that if you do not have the necessary information or intelligence, you will not be able to make an informed decision. This directly relates to our law enforcement activities as a narcotic task force. If we do not gather and share necessary intelligence, we will not be able to fully conduct a thorough investigation. In fact, without intelligence, we will not be able to open any cases whatsoever. The only way to identify individuals capable of trafficking, manufacturing, and/or selling multi-ounce to pound quantities of illicit narcotics is by the effective exchange of intelligence.

The successful completion of goal #3 will reduce the amount of illegally obtained prescription controlled substances in our communities. Development of the cases will also lead to the cross-over identification of individuals involved in the use, sale and trafficking of illicit drugs and other commonly associated criminal conduct including forgery, insurance fraud, burglary and other crimes.

By accomplishing the three goals above we will be reducing the amounts of illicit and prescription controlled substances in our community. We will also be sending a message to would-be narcotics traffickers, manufacturers, and users that they cannot hide from Tri-NET or the public. If we continuously investigate narcotic and prescription cases, make arrests and prosecute the leaders of these organizations, those individuals working underneath the leaders will be forced to reconsider their future in the underworld of narcotics.

The Tri-NET Task Force will continue its involvement with the education of those we work with and those that we live with. Tri-NET will assist Nevada Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) with the education of new and veteran police officers, in the field of narcotics. Tri-NET will also continue to educate the public by conducting presentations to children at school, to the community at public forums, and to other groups of citizens whenever they request it.

For many years, the Detectives/TFO's working in Tri-Net have actively participated as instructors and role players in an intensive two week narcotic seminar known as DTFI (Drug Trafficking Field Investigations). At least annually, the DPS – Investigation Division acts as a host agency for this training course in Carson City. The course covers numerous topics including drug identification, confidential source development, surveillance practices, search and seizure, case management, evidence collection, building entry and other topics. The course also incorporates a multi-day case practical exercise with role players which culminates with a mock trial with a jury of comprised of high school students. Tri-NET will be actively involved in the next DTFI course scheduled for May 2008.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding is still a necessity of this Task Force. While each of the participating agencies has been developing ways of funding this project on their own, they have not yet reached that stage. JAG funding is imperative to the success of Tri-NET. The funding from JAG will give us the necessary buy funds to perform controlled purchases of narcotics to present cases for prosecution. As drug traffickers do not have set hours, overtime is a necessity in this field. JAG funding will allow us a certain amount of overtime necessary to accomplish our goals. Moreover, JAG funding will permit us to conduct complex investigations involving investigative expenses, operational expenses, and the maintenance and upgrade of increasingly expensive technological equipment necessary to complete all tasks.

Part 6. EVALUATION OF PROJECT

The goals and objectives of this Task Force are simple, straightforward, and can be summed up with the following: gather intelligence about ongoing narcotics violations, and then identify and arrest the offenders. Because the goals and objectives are simply stated, they are also simply accounted for. We will track the number of:

1. Intelligence meetings with local law enforcement.
2. Arrests made as a result of the meetings and goals listed above.
3. The statistical breakdown of the quantities and types of illicit and prescription controlled substances purchased/seized.

By tracking these numbers, Tri-NET will know for certain whether our goals and objectives are being met. As we are governed by an Executive board, all statistics must pass by them first. When the Executive Board convenes, the Tri-NET supervisors present the previous month's statistics and accomplishments. If the stated goals and objectives are not being achieved, all involved parties discuss and implement plans on what it will take to correct the situation.

Additionally, this Task Force submits quarterly reports to the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance. These reports detail the activities of Tri-NET, including the progress of our goals and objectives.

Part 7. STATEMENT OF PROGRAM

Unfortunately, there is no doubt that this Task Force needs to exist and flourish. Only when illicit narcotics have been eradicated for good, can this Task Force close its doors. As nice as it sounds, the possibility of not needing a narcotic task force is bleak indeed.

It is incumbent upon the participating agencies to look into the feasibility of funding this Task Force to ensure that this successful program exists well into the future. Over the past several years, all participating agencies have begun the search for alternate funding and different ways of conducting business. The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division has absorbed the infrastructure costs (e.g. rent, utilities, phones, janitorial services, etc...), and added several detectives to the Task Force. This takes an immense financial strain away from the participating agencies. By performing such tasks as increasing their own department budget requests, holding onto vehicles for longer periods of time, removing requests for training monies from the grant application, seeking out and securing no-cost exceptional training, and further limiting overtime, the participating agencies are preparing for the future.

By doing all of the above, the local agencies are able to absorb more and more of the operational and personnel costs necessary to keep this Task Force operational. All members of the Executive Board have agreed that there is a need for this Task Force. Additionally, they are in agreement that the costs must be shared equitably to ensure that a fluid transition occurs when federal funding is either significantly reduced or eliminated altogether.

On a daily basis, everyone involved in this Task Force is thinking to the future. We are all committed to our mission of protecting the communities that we live in. We will do what is necessary to keep that mission viable.

Part 8. STATEMENT OF COORDINATION

This Task Force is the continuation of a joint effort by the Carson City Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, and the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division.

Additionally, this Task Force works, on a daily basis, with the following agencies: The Carson City District Attorney's Office; the Douglas County District Attorney's Office; the Lyon County District Attorney's Office; Street Enforcement Teams (SET) from each of the participating agencies; the Nevada State Attorney General's Office; the FBI; the DEA; the ATF; the BIA; the BLM; the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety's Parole and Probation and Highway Patrol Divisions; local Tribal Police Departments; the Nevada National Guard, Counterdrug Task Force; and all other neighboring narcotic task forces. This is done with the idea that controlled substance trafficking is a fluid and evolving problem. It knows no boundaries or limitations. Only when this Task Force works together with all available resources will we be able to protect the citizens of this community and stem the flow of illicit narcotics into this geographical region.

While this Task Force currently meets with the above agencies on a somewhat regular basis, it is our goal to meet with them even more to share information and intelligence to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drug traffickers, manufacturers, and users.

Moreover, it is a goal of this Task Force to continue to enlist the community in our fight. Much of the information obtained by this Task Force is gained by a way of the community. In order to reciprocate and keep the community involved, any and all information deemed to be of public interest will be shared with the community through such programs as *D.A.R.E.* and other informal educational and drug awareness efforts initiated by participating agencies.

BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM

PERSONNEL COSTS: Detail all salaries and wages required for program activities to be paid for by this request for funding. **Maximum OT is 32 hours/month/employee.**

SALARIES AND WAGES					
Position Title	Annual Salary or \$/hour	% of time working on grant	# of OT Hours	Is position a New Hire? (Y/N)	Total FEDERAL \$ Requested
Detective	\$69,197.00	100.00%		N	\$34,099.00
Overtime	\$10,340.00		208.00		\$0.00
Detective	\$60,418.00	100.00%		N	\$29,585.00
Overtime	\$9,028.00		208.00		\$0.00
Sub-Total Personnel					\$63,684.00

PAYROLL TAXES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: (Rate x Amount = Request) Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Fringe benefits are only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Complete subcategory total. Detail all payroll taxes and fringe benefits on the appropriate lines.

FRINGE BENEFITS					
					Amount Requested
FICA					
WORKERS' COMP					\$0.00
UNEMP. INS					
GROUP INS (Health, Life, Disability, etc.)					\$0.00
PERS					\$21,376.00
OTHER (specify):					
MEDICATE					\$940.00
Sub-Total Fringe Benefits					\$22,316.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL					\$86,000.00

The Carson City Sheriff's Office will dedicate two full-time detective positions to the task force.

	Total CCSO Cost	Federal Funds Requested
Detective - Salary	\$69,197	\$34,099
Overtime - based on 8 hours per payperiod	\$10,340	\$0
Detective - Salary	\$60,418	\$29,585
Overtime - based on 8 hours per payperiod	\$9,028	\$0
	\$148,983	\$63,684
Medicare	\$2,160	\$940
Retirement	\$42,751	\$21,376
Insurance	\$17,068	\$0
Worker's Comp	\$13,840	\$0
Uniform Allowance	\$2,600	\$0
	\$78,419	\$22,316
	\$227,402	\$86,000

CONSULTANTS/CONTRACT SERVICES: (Time Needed x Rate = Requirements) List all consultant/contract personnel in order of priority need. (Consultant travel and expenses should be included in this section.) Remember to list the rate and times for each consultant.

CONTRACTS					
Name	Hourly Fee	# of Hours		Sole Source Contract?	Amount Requested
Sub-Total Consultant					\$0.00
CONSULTANT EXPENSES:		(Must follow state travel policy and per diem rates)			
Travel	Per Diem	Airfare		Grd Trans	Amount Requested
Place:					
Purpose:					
Sub-Total Expenses					\$0.00
TOTAL CONSULTANT					\$0.00

TRAVEL COSTS: The location and purpose of travel should be provided. Per diem (meals & lodging) and mileage are included in travel. Per mile cost and per diem rates should not exceed the current state rates. Current state rates are: mileage \$.485/mile, per diem is set at the federal GSA rates. Go to <http://www.gsa.gov> for current rates in each city/county. Registration fees/ conference/ training costs should not be listed here. They belong under "Training." Show the basis of computation (i.e., cost per night for lodging x number of nights = total lodging expense).

In-State Travel					
Position/Title of Traveler	Destination	Per Diem	Estimated Airfare	Mileage Allowance	Amount Requested
Example: Narcotics Lt.	Elko	\$84.00		150 mi x .485 x 2 = \$145.50	\$196.50
Sub-Total In-State Travel					\$0.00

Travel Justification: Provide a brief narrative justifying the above program expenses. Travel must support the program. Show breakdown for per diem and mileage. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Out-of-State Travel

Position/Title of Traveler	Destination	Per Diem	Estimated Airfare	Mileage Allowance	Amount Requested
Sub-Total Out-of-State Travel					\$0.00

Travel Justification: Provide a brief narrative justifying the above program expenses. Travel must support the program. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

TRAINING COSTS:

Registration fees/conference/training costs should be included in this section.

Training Session Title	Location	# of Trainees		Reg Fee	Amount Requested

Sub-Total Training \$0.00

TOTAL TRAVEL + TRAINING \$0.00

Training Justification: No more than 3 people will be approved to attend the same training.

SUPPLIES / OPERATING COSTS: Include in this section requests to support all of the following: building space, utilities, telephone, postage, printing and copying, publication, desktop and consumable office supplies, drug testing supplies, and other. For each building location(s) include number of square feet, cost per square feet for rent and lease. For utilities, include such items as water, heat, gas and electricity where such costs are not included in the rent/lease. For telephone, include the cost of monthly service and toll charges by site. For printing and copying, include the cost per page and number of pages per month. For desktop and consumable supplies, include the cost per person per month. For drug testing supplies use the average cost per month.

SUPPLIES:				
Item	Quantity (per person per month)	Unit Price	Total for year	FEDERAL Amount Requested
Office Supplies	* 67 per person		\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Film / Developing				
Batteries				
Gasoline (list vehicles)	** 150 per unit		\$3,600.00	\$0.00
Drug Testing Supplies				
Cassette Tapes				
CD / DVD				
* paid to DCSO				
** Trinet Vehicles				
Sub-Total Supplies				\$0.00
OPERATING:				
Item	Rate Per month (\$)		Total for year	FEDERAL Amount Requested
Rent - Facilities				
Rent - Equipment				
Telephone	\$588.00		\$7,056.00	\$0.00
Utilities (list locations)				
Photo Copying				
Transcribing				
Vehicle Maintenance (list vehicles)				
Car Washes (list vehicles)				
Janitorial Services				
Maintenance Agreements (list items covered)				
Software Maintenance			\$167.00	\$0.00
Computer Line			\$122.00	\$0.00
Pagers			\$55.00	\$0.00
NOTE: All items paid to DCSO				
Sub-Total Operating				\$0.00
TOTAL SUPPLIES + OPERATING				\$0.00

	Total CCSO Cost	Federal Funds Requested
Supply costs reimbursed to DCSO:		
Includes batteries, pens, paper, ink cartridges, computer media, drug testing supplies	\$1,600	\$0
Supplies purchased by CCSO:		
Fuel cost based on \$300 average cost per month, or \$3,600 per year	\$3,600	\$0
Fleet Management Costs for 2 Vehicles Assigned to Tri-Net	\$5,820	\$0
Operating costs reimbursed to DCSO:		
Includes pagers, nextel phones, computer connection, AT&T and Verizon cell phones	\$7,400	\$0
	\$18,420	\$0

EQUIPMENT: Non-consumable items with a life of one year or more and an acquisition cost of \$300 or more per item (excluding printers) should be listed in this category. Like items or related components must be considered as a group and may not be separated to avoid complying with these standards. Provide a list of all items including number of items, manufacturer, location of item and price per item. Law Enforcement agencies must go through the 1033/1122 Program for equipment purchases but need not receive an estimate for purposes of this application.

EQUIPMENT:				
Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	FEDERAL Amount Requested
TOTAL EQUIPMENT				\$0.00

CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS: Funds will be considered for State law enforcement agencies and law enforcement agencies serving units of local government. For continuation grants, balance expended during previous grant years will be considered.

CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS:				
Item	Rate per month (\$)	Total for year	Estimate portion to be used from forfeiture funds	Amount Requested
Buy Money (drugs)	\$625.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Evidence				
Information				
Undercover Expenses				
Transportation of Informant				
Other (specify):				

TOTAL CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS	\$5,000.00
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The Tri-NET Task Force primarily focuses its illicit and prescription controlled substance investigations in Carson City, Lyon County and Douglas County. Currently the illicit drug of choice for use, sale and trafficked is Methamphetamine. However, Tri-NET has seen an increase in the use of, sale and trafficking of Cocaine and Heroin during this grant period. Tri-NET also continues to investigate cases involving the use, cultivation and sale of Marijuana and the investigation into the unlawful acquisition, misuse, sale and diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances.

The Tri-NET Task Force strives to investigate and infiltrate mid and upper level traffickers as opposed to street level drug sales. Targeting this level of criminal enterprise is expensive. For example, the current price for one ounce of Methamphetamine is \$1,200 to \$1,500 and Cocaine is selling for \$900 to \$1,200 per ounce.

Without question, successful narcotic investigations require the use of Cooperating Sources and buy funds. Buy funds are used to make purchases of illicit drugs and diverted prescription controlled substances. In addition, buy funds are used to provide rewards for Cooperating Sources, and pay for investigative expenses to effectively and efficiently conduct the criminal investigations. Examples of these types of authorized expenses include the use of prepaid phones and hotel/motel room rentals for conducting undercover operations.

Based upon the information above, there is a critical need to continue funding for buy funds. The failure to continue this funding source will severely hamper Tri-NET's ability to successfully investigate illicit and prescription controlled substance cases.

Budget Summary

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST	\$91,000.00
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BUDGET SUMMARY	
Category	Request
Total Personnel Costs	\$86,000.00
Total Consultants/Contract Services	\$0.00
Total Travel / Training Costs	\$0.00
Total Supplies / Operating Costs	\$0.00
Total Equipment	\$0.00
Total Confidential Funds	\$5,000.00
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED	\$91,000.00

MATCH (not required) * \$154,822.00

TOTAL OF PROJECT **\$245,822.00**

*Although match is not required, you can show what will be contributed toward your program. This will not influence whether or not you receive a grant award.

The Total of Project will be the total of FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED plus the Match (if applicable).