U. S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Community Capacity Development Office



Operation Weed and Seed

Operation Weed and Seed, a U.S. Department of Justice community-based initiative, is an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

The Weed and Seed Strategy

Operation Weed and Seed is foremost a strategy—rather than a grant program—which aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to several square miles.

The strategy involves a twopronged approach: law
enforcement agencies and
prosecutors cooperate in
"weeding out" criminals who
participate in violent crime and
drug abuse, attempting to
prevent their return to the
targeted area; and "seeding"
brings human services to the
area, encompassing prevention,
intervention, treatment, and
neighborhood revitalization. A
community-oriented policing
component bridges weeding and

seeding strategies. Officers obtain helpful information from area residents for weeding efforts while they aid residents in obtaining information about community revitalization and seeding resources.

The Role of the United States Attorney

At each site, the United States Attorney plays a central role in organizing the Steering Committee and bringing together the communities with other Weed and Seed participants. The United States Attorney also facilitates coordination of federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts. Through such coordination, sites can effectively use federal law enforcement partners in weeding strategies and mobilize resources for seeding programs from a variety of federal agencies.

Official Recognition

On a track separate from funding, the Department of Justice works with sites developing Weed and Seed strategies.

A prospective site applies for Official Recognition of its Weed and Seed strategy by submitting its proposed strategy—through the local United States Attorney's Office—to the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) for review and approval. The strategy must be developed locally in accordance with CCDO guidelines. Benefits of Official Recognition include preference in receiving discretionary resources from participating federal agencies; priority for participating in federallysponsored training and technical assistance; use of the official Weed and Seed logo; and eligibility to apply for Department of Justice Weed and Seed funds.

Funding for Sites

During Fiscal Year 2004, approximately 300 communities used funding from the Community Capacity Development Office.

Since Weed and Seed is foremost a strategy rather than a grant program, all Weed and Seed sites must show their capacity to obtain financial and in-kind resources from a variety of public and private sources.

Many Weed and Seed sites have received support from federal, state, and local agencies, and the private sector (both nonprofit and for-profit).

Communities interested in eligibility to apply for Fiscal Year 2006 Weed and Seed funds (subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress) must have filed a Letter of Intent to apply for Official Recognition, co-signed by their U.S. Attorney, by August 31, 2005; must have submitted the proposed application for Official Recognition to the local U.S. Attorney's Office for review by October 15, 2005; and must have applied for or received Official Recognition by October 31, 2005. CCDO issues funding application kits only to eligible sites.

Guidelines for Official Recognition are posted on the CCDO Web site at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/

Evaluation

Evaluation ensures that the Weed and Seed strategy is working in the sites. Therefore, the Department of Justice emphasizes evaluation of the program both locally and nationally. Original sites were required to carry out a local evaluation. National evaluations of Weed and Seed include the national process evaluation by

the Institute for Social Analysis (1995) and the national impact evaluation of the program by Abt Associates (1999). Many other local evaluations are ongoing.

Oversight

The Community Capacity
Development Office, Office of
Justice Programs, at the U.S.
Department of Justice, oversees
the Weed and Seed program.

The Department of Justice implements a broad spectrum of programs to help prevent crime and assist law enforcement efforts around the nation. As one of these programs, Weed and Seed is the key component of the Department of Justice's antiviolence and drug enforcement/comprehensive community revitalization strategy. Through these efforts, community residents nationwide have hope that they can enjoy a safer and better quality of life.

For more information on developing and implementing a Weed and Seed Strategy, see our Web site:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/

or contact:

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or Your local United States Attorney

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The attached chart lists all funded and/or officially recognized sites.

* Official recognition has expired or is set to expire by 5/31/05 but sites are still implementing the Weed and Seed strategy with remaining funds.

** Denotes new sites.

Site#	State	City or County	Site Name
**500	AK	Anchorage	Russian Jack/East Anchorage
22	AL	Birmingham	Northside Community
134	AL	Mobile	Trinity Gardens
*135	AL	Montgomery	Westside Community
**501	AL	Montgomery	West Fairview
*174	AL	Prichard	Harlem
*165	AR	Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff
*220	AR	Texarkana	T-BON
**502	AZ	Flagstaff	Sunnyside
456	ΑZ	Glendale	Orchard Glen
**503	ΑZ	Santa Cruz County	Nogales
486	ΑZ	Phoenix	Capitol Mall
*163	ΑZ	Phoenix	Garfield
285	ΑZ	Phoenix	Sunny Slope
365	ΑZ	Tucson	Kino Coalition
485	ΑZ	Tucson	Tucson: Westside Coalition
**504	ΑZ	Tucson	29 th Street Coalition
457	AZ	Yuma	Carver Park
*48	CA	Compton	Wilmington Cove
74	CA	Fresno	Southeast
306	CA	Fresno	Southwest
116	CA	Los Angeles	Pico Union/Westlake
115	CA	Los Angeles	South (formerly South Central)
59	CA	Los Angeles	Southeast
**510	CA	San Pedro	Harbor Gateway
369	CA	Oakland	West Oakland
433	CA	Oxnard	Southend
**505	CA	Pomona	Pomona
432	CA	Rancho Cordova	Rancho Cordova
*187	CA	Sacramento	Avondale/Glen Elders
**506	CA	San Francisco	Visitacion Valley
**507	CA	San Francisco	Hunter's Point
431	CA	Santa Clara	Burbank Area
*201	CA	San Jose	Washington Area
**511	CA	San Jose	East
*202	CA	Santa Ana	Area #1: Southcoast District (SAINT)
*203	CA	Santa Ana	Area #2: SE District (SPIRIT)
286	CA	Santa Maria	West Newlove
333	CA	Santa Paula	Las Piedras
35	CA	Vista	Townsite Neighborhood
480	CO	Aurora	Colfax

25	СТ	Bridgeport	East Side/East End
*87		Hartford	Northeast
141		New Britain	Broad/North Oak/Arch
458		New Haven	Site #2
150		Norwalk	South Norwalk
*214		Stamford	South End
**513		Willimantic	Willimantic
	DC	Washington	Marshall Heights/Eastgate
*237		Washington	Columbia Heights
*295		Washington	Congress Heights
287		Dover	State Street/Salisbury Road
246		Wilmington	West Center City
	FL	Alachua County	Cedar Ridge/Linton Oaks
**545		Belle Glade	Southwest Belle Glade
430		Brevard County	Diamond Square
481		Clearwater	Clearwater
424	FL	Collier City	Collier City
**515	FL	Daytona Beach	Old Town/New Town
*55	FL	Delray	Delray Beach
372		Fort Pierce	NW Fort Pierce
	FL	Ft. Myers	Ft. Myers
*90	FL	Hillsborough County	Palm River
375	FL	Immokalee	Immokalee
283	FL	Miami	Liberty City
284	FL	Miami	Little Haiti/Lemon City
434	FL	North Miami Beach	Washington Park/Allen Park
*152	FL	Ocala	Ocala
*156	FL	Orlando	Ivy Lane/Holden Hghts
**514	FL	Palatka	Northside
308	FL	Pensacola	Pensacola
149	FL	Riviera Beach	Riviera Beach
377	FL	Seminole County	Midway/Georgetown
**516	FL	St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg
218	FL	Tallahassee	Richmond Hghts/Murat Hills/ South City
*219	FL	Tampa	Sulphur Springs
235	FL	Volusia County	Volusia County
241	FL	West Palm Beach	West Palm Beach
435	GA	Athens	Hancock Corridor
11	GA	Atlanta	Pittsburgh/Mechanicsville
**517	GA	Atlanta	Vine City
*13	GA	Augusta	Barton Village
*63	GA	East Point	East Washington/Central District

*120	GA	Macon	Pleasant Hill
*204	GA	Savannah	Savannah
309	GA	Waycross	Carswell/Hazard Hill
379	HI	Honolulu	Ewa
487		Honolulu	Kalihi/Palama/Chinatown
*236	HI	Honolulu	Waipahu
**518	HI	Honolulu	Pahoa/Kaohe Homest
57	IA	Des Moines	Des Moines
**519	IA	Cedar Rapids	Central
334	IL	Alton	Alton
381	IL	Aurora	East Aurora (Kane)
42	IL	Chicago	Northwest Austin
313	IL	Peoria	Peoria
213	IL	Springfield	Springfield
*233	IL	Village of Washington Park	Village of Washington Park
296	IN	Evansville	Evansville
382	IN	Ft. Wayne	Ft. Wayne
315	IN	Indianapolis	Coalition of NE Neighborhoods
99	IN	Indianapolis	IndianapolisSUMO Area
423	IN	Indianapolis	Westside
383	IN	South Bend	South Bend
**520	KS	Kansas City	Kansas City
459	KS	Topeka	Central/South
245	KS	Wichita	Wichita
*117	KY	Louisville	Smoketown/Shelby Park
*104	LA	Jefferson Parish	Jefferson Parish
460	LA	Monroe	Lamyville/Renwich
*143	LA	New Orleans	Algiers/Bywater
316	LA	New Orleans	Central City
142	LA	New Orleans	Treme
*304	LA	Shreveport	Highland / Stoner Area
*210	LA	Shreveport	Queensborough/Ingleside
317	LA	Terrebonne Parish	Terrebonne Parish
23	MA	Boston	Grove Hall
**522	MA	Brockton	Camp Pello
41	MA	Chelsea	Chelsea
**547		Fall River	Maple Gardens
**549	MA	Holyoke	E. Beech Street
293	MA	Lawrence	District C
	MA	Methuen	Arlington
**550		New Bedford	New Bedford
**521	MA	Boston	N. Dorchester/Washington St. Corridor

**551	MA	Springfield	Springfield
462	MA	Worcester	Worcester
	MD	Baltimore	HEBCAC
	MD	Baltimore	Northwest-Project Garrison
	MD	Baltimore	Washington Village/Pigtown
	MD	Landover	Landover (LARC)
*195	MD	Salisbury	Salisbury
*114	MD	Silver Spring	Long Branch
488	ME	Androscoggin	Androscoggin
461	ME	Calais	Calais
384	ME	Lincoln County	Lincoln
489	ME	Sagadahoc	Sagadahoc
298	MI	Battle Creek	Battle Creek
300	MI	Detroit	11th Precinct
299	MI	Detroit	9th Precinct
482	MI	Detroit	Northwest Detroit
385	MI	Flint	Eastside
491	MI	Flint	North Central
81	MI	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids
**544	MI	Grand Rapids	Central City
490	MI	Highland Park	Highland Park
100	MI	Inkster	Inkster
*105	MI	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
137	MI	Muskegon	Muskegon Heights
386	MN	Cass Lake	Cass Lake
136	MN	Mahnomen County	Mahnomen County
472	MN	Minneapolis	Phillips Expansion
471	MN	Minneapolis	Central Expansion
473	MN	St. Paul	Summit University Expansion
*328	MO	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau (SEMO)
*329	MO	Carthursville	Carthursville (SEMO)
*330	MO	Charleston	Charleston (SEMO)
*98	MO	Independence	Fairmount
*106	MO	Kansas City	Prospect Corridor
*331		Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff (SEMO)
*332		Sikeston	Sikeston (SEMO)
436	MO	St. Joseph	St. Joseph
	MO	St. Louis	St. Louis
463	MS	Corinth	Corinth
**523	MS	Biloxi	D'Iberville/East Biloxi
492		Greenville	Leland Neighborhood
493	MS	Jackson	West Jackson

*229	MS	Tupelo	Tupelo
425	MT	Great Falls	Great Falls
445		Burlington	Burlington
**524		Charlotte	Central Ave. Corridor
446		Durham	Hayti
388		Fuquay-Varina	Fuquay-Varina
389	NC	Gastonia	Gastonia
82	NC	Greensboro	Greensboro
**525	NC	High Point	Expanded Core-City
*119	NC	Lumberton	Lumberton
*179	NC	Raleigh	Southeast Raleigh
**556	NC	Raleigh	Thompson-Hunter
248	NC	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem
390	NE	Omaha	South Side
154	NE	Omaha	North Side
437	NE	Thurston County	Winnebago/Omaha Tribes
268	NH	Manchester	Downtown/Millyard
483	NJ	Atlantic City	Albany/Missouri Avenues
*33	NJ	Camden	Parkside/Eastside/Northgate I
392	NJ	Camden	Cooper Plaza/N. Camden/Riverview
**548	NJ	Irvington	Irvington
393	NJ	Newark	Clinton-Hill
*155	NJ	Orange	Orange
318	NJ	Pleasantville	Pleasantville
226	NJ	Trenton	Northwest
303	NJ	Trenton	Southeast
*234	NJ	Vineland	Vineland
438	NM	Albuquerque	Westside/South Valley
439	NM	Albuquerque	Eastside
	NM	Espanola	Westside
*110	NM	Las Cruces	Las Cruces
126	NV	Las Vegas	Downtown Area
	NV	Reno	NE expansion
**526		Reno	Southeast - 2 nd Site
**527		Albany	Albany
398		Binghamton	Binghamton
	NY	Bronx	Mott Haven
	NY	Bronx	Bruckner/Soundview/Castle Hill
	NY	Brooklyn	East New York
	NY	Buffalo	Eastside
	NY	Buffalo	Westside
103	NY	Jamestown	Jamestown

441	NY	Newburgh	Newburgh
442	NY	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls
*145	NY	North Amityville	North Amityville
*146	NY	North Bellport	North Bellport
*173	NY	Poughkeepsie	Poughkeepsie
443	NY	Queens	Far Rockaway Expansion
184	NY	Rochester	Northeast
319	NY	Rochester	Southwest
**552	NY	Roosevelt	Uniondale
**528	NY	Schenectady	Southend
216	NY	Syracuse	Westside
215	NY	Syracuse	Northside
*227	NY	Troy	Troy/Rensselaer Co
419	NY	Utica	Utica
*232	NY	Village of Hempstead	Village of Hempstead
**529	NY	Wyandanch	Straight Path Corridor
444	NY	Yonkers	Mulford Gardens
**553	NY	Yonkers	Third Precinct
*43	ОН	Cincinnati	Evanston
400	ОН	Cincinnati	Lincoln Hghts/Lockland
401	ОН	Cincinnati	Madisonville
**554	ОН	Cleveland	Central/Westside
447	ОН	Cleveland	Detroit Shoreway
402	ОН	Dayton	Northwest
**535	ОН	Dayton	Southeast
496	ОН	Euclid	Euclid
403	ОН	Hamilton	North End
**532	ОН	Hamilton	2 nd and 4 th Ward
366	ОН	Lima	Communitywide Site #1
113	ОН	Lima	Northend Site #2
**530	ОН	Toledo	ONYX/West
**531	ОН	Toledo	North River
*249	ОН	Youngstown	Youngstown
*112	OK	Lawton	Lawton
467	OK	Midwest City	Midwest City
153	OK	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City
**536	OK	Oklahoma City	Classen 10Penn
320	OR	Burns-Paiute	Burns-Paiute Tribe
*69	OR	Eugene	Eugene
407	OR	Gresham	Rockwood (Portland area)
171	OR	Portland	Albina
*172	OR	Portland	Southeast Area #2
**555	OR	Portland	Mt. Hood Coalition

448	PA	Allentown	Allentown
**546		Bristol	Bristol
**537		Coatesville	Coatesville
**557		Lancaster	Lancaster
*160		Philadelphia	26th District
**533		Philadelphia	North - 24th & 25th Districts
**534		Philadelphia	West - 16th & 19th Districts
494		Pittsburgh	East Liberty V
*166	PA	Pittsburgh	Hazelwood
*168	PA	Pittsburgh	Homewood
420	PA	Reading	Reading
291	PR	Aguadilla	Agustin Stahl
396	PR	Caguas	Barriada Morales
292	RI	Pawtucket	Site #1: Pleasant View
468	RI	Pawtucket	Woodlawn Site
**538	RI	Providence	Olneyville
*37	SC	Charleston	Charleston
*72	SC	Florence	Pee Dee Community
147	SC	North Charleston	North Charleston
408	SC	Spartanburg	Arkwright Community
302	SD	Brown County	Brown County
301	SD	Martin	Martin
180	SD	Rapid City	North Rapid
321	TN	Bristol	Anderson Street Neighborhood
409	TN	Chattanooga	MLK Area - ICDC
40	TN	Chattanooga	Westside Community Development Corp.
*45	TN	Cleveland	Blyth Ave Neighborhood
61	TN	Dyersburg	Dyersburg
323	TN	Jackson	East Jackson
**543	TN	Kingsport	Kingsport
426	TN	Trenton	East Trenton
	TX	Aldine (Harris County)	Aldine (Harris County)
*15		Austin	Austin
*20		Beaumont	Beaumont
411		Brownsville	Site #2: Westside
	TX	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Site #1
	TX	Corpus Christi	Area #2: Westside Area
	TX	Dallas	East Dallas
*53		Dallas	Ferguson Road Initiative
*54		Dallas	South Dallas/Fairpark
**540		Dallas	West Dallas
413		Fort Worth	Near SE Comm.
427	TX	Grand Prairie	Dalworth

289	TX	Houston	Greater Fifth Area
94	TX	Houston	Gulfton
290	TX	Houston	Near Northside
414	TX	Laredo	Laredo
**539	TX	Marlin	Central South
428	TX	Port Arthur	Port Arthur
*182	TX	Richmond	Richmond
*197	TX	San Antonio	East San Antonio
415	TX	San Antonio	New West San Antonio
*221	TX	Texarkana	Texarkana
*231	TX	Vernon	Vernon: Visions Econ. Develop Corp.
*244	TX	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls
*196	UT	Ogden City	Ogden City
324	UT	Salt Lake City	Salt Lake City
449	UT	West Valley City	Crown/Farnsworth
450	VA	Charlottesville	Intervention Area
325	VA	Harrisonburg	Northeast
452	VA	Newport News	Newport News
451	VA	Petersburg	Petersburg
453	VA	Portsmouth	Portsmouth
183	VA	Richmond	Blackwell/Gilpin/Whitcomb
*188	VI	St. Croix	Estate Grove Place
**541	VI	St. Thomas	Estate Bovoni
*109	WA	Lakewood	Lakewood
417	WA	Rochester	Thurston County
*273	WA	Seattle	Central Seattle
495	WA	Seattle	Southeast Seattle
469	WA	Seattle	Southwest Seattle
418	WA	Spokane	Edgcliff Community
217	WA	Tacoma	Tacoma
*225	WA	Toppenish	Toppenish
121	WI	Madison	Madison
*128	WI	Milwaukee	Northside/CSP Area #1
*130	WI	Milwaukee	United South Area #3
455	WI	Racine	South
454	WV	Wheeling	Wheeling Island