



FY2008 drug control budget

Office of National Drug Control Policy February 2007

On February 5th, President Bush announced his FY 2008 budget proposal. The President proposed \$12.961 billion for the Nation's drug control budget. The President's drug control budget is a balanced approach, providing resources for effective prevention, treatment and enforcement programs.

Stopping Drug Use Before It Starts

Teen drug use has been reduced by 23 percent over the past five years. To build on that progress, the President has requested \$1.6 billion for prevention programs that work to stop drug use before it starts. Some highlights:

- The Administration requests \$17.9 million for Random Student Drug Testing - an increase of over \$7.5 million over FY 2007. This increase will support a new Student Drug Testing Institute, which will assist schools in developing, implementing, and evaluating student drug testing programs.
- The Administration has requested \$90 million to support the Drug-Free Communities program. This is an increase of \$10 million compared to FY 2007, and will support over 70 new drug-free community grantees.
- The budget includes a substantial increase in funding for the award-winning National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, from \$100 million for FY 2007 to \$130 million requested for FY 2008.

Healing America's Drug Users

The President's budget includes \$3 billion for drug treatment and intervention programs. Some highlights:

- The budget includes \$41.2 million for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral, and Treatment (SBIRT), a program that engages the health care community in diagnosing and intervening in substance abuse problems before they progress to dependence and addiction. This request is an increase of \$11.5 million over FY 2007.
- The Administration is requesting \$75 million for CMS/ SBI Codes to offset costs to State Medicaid systems. This new system will help healthcare professionals screen, intervene and treat patients for substance abuse disorders.
- The budget includes \$98 million to support Access to Recovery (ATR). This will support grants for 20 states and Native American Tribes in order to expand access to substance abuse treatment and recovery services, including those that are faith-based; The budget goal is to treat more than 55,000 individuals annually.
- The new budget requests \$31.8 million within HHS treatment supporting Drug Courts- a \$21.7 million increase. Drug Courts divert low-level, non-violent offenders away from the criminal justice system and into treatment.

Disrupting the Market for Illegal Drugs

The budget includes \$8 billion for supply reduction efforts. Some highlights:

- \$635.5 million to support the Andean Counterdrug Initiative. This includes support for law enforcement, border control, illicit crop reduction and alternative crop development in South America.
- \$327.6 million to support anti-drug action in Afghanistan. This includes support for opium reduction, interdiction, and demand reduction.





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Figure 1: Drug Resources by Function

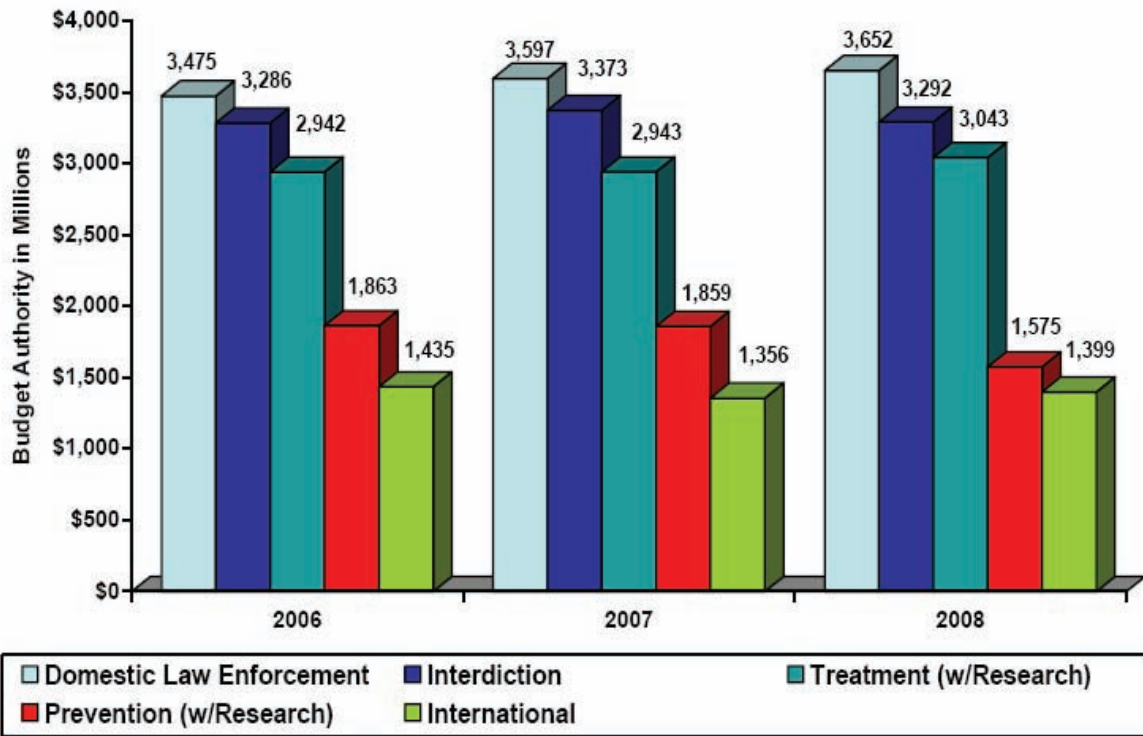


Figure 2: Stopping Use Before It Starts (\$1.6 Billion)

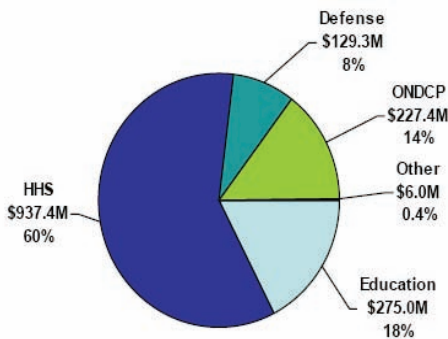


Figure 3: Healing America's Drug Users (\$3.0 Billion)

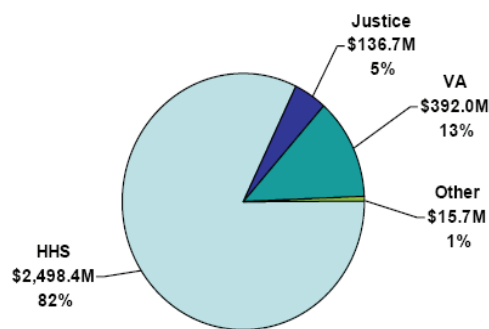


Figure 4: Disrupting the Market (\$8.3 Billion)

