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Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions June 30, 2008



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## Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Report on Audit of Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions June 30, 2008

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Independent Auditors' Report

Members of the Arizona State Legislature

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

We have audited the accompanying Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions for the year ended June 30, 2008, and from inception to June 30, 2008, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §41-2402. This Summary is the responsibility of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Summary based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Summary is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Summary. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall summary presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions was prepared for the purpose of complying with Arizona Revised Statutes §41-2402 as discussed in Note 1, and is not intended to be a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions presents fairly, in all material respects, the Commission's distributions for the year ended June 30, 2008, and from inception to June 30, 2008, of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account monies by type of activity specified by A.R.S. §41-2402.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Arizona State Legislature, the Governor, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Jay Zsorey, CPA Financial Audit Director

August 6, 2009

### Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions Year Ended June 30, 2008, and from Inception to June 30, 2008

	Distributions for Year Ended June 30, 2008			
	Federal	Nonfederal	Reversions	Total
Type of Activity		(Note 3)	(Note 4)	
Investigation	\$ 1,592,730	\$ 2,085,237	\$ 789	\$ 3,677,178
Prosecution:	1 656 150	2,285,750	2 00 4	2 0 2 0 6 0 5
State and county prosecution City and town prosecution	1,656,159 56,074	2,285,750	3,284	3,938,625 236,393
Adjudication	803,177	1,103,879	39,657	1,867,399
Detention	2,591	(2,591)		
Forensics	197,732	274,402		472,134
Arizona Drug and Gang Prevention Resource Center		305,800		305,800
Criminal Justice Records Improvement Program	146,543			146,543
Total distributions for year ended				
June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 4,455,006</u>	<u>\$    6,232,796</u>	<u>\$ 43,730</u>	<u>\$ 10,644,072</u>
		from Inception in		
	Federal	Nonfederal (Note 3)	Reversions (Note 4)	Total
Type of Activity		(1006-0)	(11018 4)	
Investigation	\$ 53,273,900	\$ 25,560,635	\$1,527,282	\$ 77,307,253
Prosecution:				70,000,040
State and county prosecution City and town prosecution	48,838,299 4,021,520	24,959,406 2,153,280	537,393 209,713	73,260,312 5,965,087
Adjudication	6,513,326	39,085,466	1,280,196	44,318,596
Detention	1,407,397	6,061,249	64,605	7,404,041
Drug abuse education (DARE)	1,183,862	190,123	44,764	1,329,221
Forensics	2,275,306	8,184,757	39,277	10,420,786
Arizona Drug and Gang Prevention Resource Center		3,935,900		3,935,900
State General Fund		200,000		200,000
Criminal Justice Records Improvement				
Program	6,258,776	1,630,211	146,911	7,742,076
State matching for Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program (formerly entitled				
Drug Control and System Improvement—				
Formula Grant)	(2,894,192)	2,894,192		
Total distributions from inception to June 30, 2008	<u>\$120,878,194</u>	<u>\$114,855,219</u>	<u>\$3,850,141</u>	<u>\$231,883,272</u>

See accompanying notes to summary.

### Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Notes to Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions Year Ended June 30, 2008, and from Inception to June 30, 2008

- Note 1 Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §41-2402(A) established the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account (Account) within the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund to be used for the purpose of enhancing efforts to deter, investigate, prosecute, adjudicate, and punish drug offenders and members of criminal street gangs. To fund this effort, A.R.S. §41-2402(B) and (C) require the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (Commission) to distribute monies from the Account within prescribed limits based on a plan of expenditures submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Further, A.R.S. §41-2402(F) requires that any federal monies or state matching monies in the Account be allocated by the Commission pursuant to a plan approved by the federal government, notwithstanding the limitations prescribed in subsection B of the statute. The Summary of Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Distributions presents the distributions from the Account by type of activity specified by A.R.S. §41-2402 for the year ended June 30, 2008, and since the Account's inception in August 1987 to June 30, 2008.
- Note 2 The proceedings of the Commission's open meeting, dated May 24, 2007, and submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, established the proposed distribution by activity (i.e., investigation, prosecution, adjudication, detention, forensics, and so forth) for the Account for fiscal year 2008.
- Note 3 Nonfederal distributions for the Arizona Drug and Gang Prevention Resource Center were made from state appropriations of the fees collected pursuant to A.R.S. §12-284 and distributed pursuant to A.R.S. §12-284.03(A)(1). For all other activities, nonfederal distributions were made from fines and forfeits collected pursuant to A.R.S. §13-811(C) and the subrecipients' matching contributions to the program.
- Note 4 Reversions consist of adjustments resulting from subrecipient-monitoring reviews performed by the Commission. These reversions are either deposited into the Account for redistribution in the following year or reverted to the federal government.
- Note 5 During fiscal year 2004, the Commission changed its method of accounting for subrecipient matching monies. Matching monies from subrecipients are no longer collected by the Commission and distributed from the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account. Subrecipients report spent matching monies on their monthly financial reports. As of July 1, 2003, subrecipient matching monies are excluded from the Summary since they are no longer considered distributions from the Account. However, total distributions from inception to June 30, 2003, still include subrecipient matching monies.