



# FY 17 Stone Garden Grant

## Operation Stone Garden FY 2017

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- Federal grant funding provided to local law enforcement agencies to combat human/drug trafficking and associated crimes.
- Recurring every year, differing amounts for overtime and equipment.

### Benefits:

- Increase proactive enforcement/patrol without negatively affecting scheduling.
- Increase proactive enforcement/patrol with minimal impact on general fund.
- Provides ability, with minimal cost to general fund, to meet our goal of 24/7 coverage.
- Most important, provides a higher quality of service to the citizens of Cochise County by enabling CCSO to specifically deal with ongoing crimes and issues associated to the border. Provides overtime to pay for extra targeted area details



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- SG is a reimbursement grant that pays employee related expense (ERE) costs including:
  - Public Safety Retirement
  - Workmen's Comp
  - Social Security Taxes (includes FICA)
- Beneficial to PSPRS
- Beneficial to the economy of Cochise County



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Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

- Cochise County was awarded \$700,000.00 in Overtime and Mileage to participate in Operation Stone Garden FY 2017.
- This is a decrease of \$235,000.00 from FY 2016 and a \$300,000.00 decrease from FY 2015, at the request of the Sheriff's Office.



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## Deployments

- The Cochise County Sheriff's Office deploys deputies in support of Operation Stone Garden 7 days a week.
- Deputies are required to contact either the Brian Terry Border Patrol Station (Naco), Douglas Border Patrol Station or the Willcox Border Patrol Station to check on duty and received an assignment within those stations Area of Responsibility (AOR).
- Deputies also participate in Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (ACTT) Operations with our federal partners and other local agencies where funds from this grant pay for the overtime and mileage.



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## Deployments Cont.

- Stone Garden operations/deployments allow the Sheriff's Office to put more deputies on the road in high traffic areas and remote areas we normally are not able to regularly patrol due to low staffing levels.
- Stone Garden deployments allows CCSO to schedule up to 10 additional deputies a day county wide to augment normal patrol shifts in providing services to the citizens of Cochise County.



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## FY 2015 Year End Statistical Data

- Traffic Stops: 6399
- Citations: 1791
- Felony Arrests: 57
- Misdemeanor Arrests: 322
- Marijuana Seized: 5,359.97 pounds
- Cocaine Seized: 20.8 grams
- Methamphetamine Seized: 14.18 ounces
- Heroin Seized: 8.6 ounces
- Illegal Aliens: 138
- Recovered Stolen Vehicles: 10
- Seized Vehicles: 58



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FY 2016 Year End Statistical Data

- Traffic Stops: 6916
- Citations: 1599
- Felony Arrests: 167
- Misdemeanor Arrests: 321
- Marijuana Seized: 5,800,519 pounds
- Cocaine Seized: 13.05 grams
- Methamphetamine Seized: 1.93 ounces
- Heroin Seized: 8.13 ounces
- Illegal Aliens: 90
- Recovered Stolen Vehicles: 5
- Seized Vehicles: 10
- Weapons/Ammunition Seized: 7 weapons/4000 rounds of 7.62 ammunition



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FY 2017 Year End Statistical Data  
January through March 6 2018



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Southeastern Arizona Border Region Enforcement Team Statistical data  
FY 2017

January 2018 thru March 6 2018

- Felony Arrest – 10
- Marijuana - 386.6 LBS
- UDA Buckeye Pictures – 128
- Mules Buckeye Pictures – 8



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## Juvenile Offender Program FY 2015

- 71 Suspects were arrested and processed into the Cochise County Jail.
- 38 of these suspects were Juvenile offenders.
- Of the 30 Juvenile suspects, 11 are USC.
- 33 of the suspects were Adults.
- 3178 pounds of Marijuana were seized.



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## Juvenile Offender Program FY 2016

- 31 Suspects were arrested and processed into the Cochise County Jail.
- 19 of these suspects were Juvenile offenders.
- 12 of the suspects were Adults.
- 1,543.8 pounds of Marijuana was seized as a result of this program this year.



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## Economic Benefits

- Direct effect: The initial spending or investment on activity, which reflects the initial impact to the economy. The direct effect is usually close to or exactly the expenditure associated with the economic event which in this case is the utilized portion of the Stone Garden grant in each year.
- Induced effect: Additional spending that results from changes in wage expenditures. In other words, employees working that receive Stone Garden overtime will likely spend their higher wages at an assortment of businesses and suppliers of goods and services. To meet the increased demand for those goods and services, the business, in turn, will either hire more workers or increase wages to keep up with the Stone Garden-driven demand.



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\$700,000.00 allocated to Cochise County

\$80,000.00 to be used for mileage

\$244,500.00 used for employee related expenses (ERE)

- Which includes PSPRS, FICA and Workmen's comp

\$375,500.00 actual overtime payment to be received by the deputies



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- Dr. Robert Carreira, Chief Economist, Cochise College

## Estimated impacts of an increase in deputy overtime pay

Initial direct increase in deputy overtime pay (input)	\$375,500
Direct, indirect, and induced resultant household spending (countywide)	\$240,300
Regional Tax Revenue	\$26,700
Cochise County	\$5,200
Municipalities (combined, countywide)	\$9,300
School Districts (combined, countywide)	\$11,000
Special Districts (combined, countywide)	\$1,200

Note. All figures rounded to nearest 100; discrepancies due to rounding. Source: Cochise College Center for Economic Research



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- As for the long-term unfunded liability, it would likely affect mostly just those who plan to retire in the next 3 years.
- CCSO currently has four employees who could fall under this category who work Operation Stone Garden.
- CCSO currently has twenty employees who have less than ten years of service who work Operation Stone Garden.



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## Economic Benefits –Additional Considerations

- Stone Garden will affect the tax revenue for the County and other taxing authorities.
- Potentially lower crime rates and cost savings derived from lower crimes rates related to the additional border security investment funded by Stone Garden.
- Higher property values and incremental business investment and attractiveness related to lower crime rates and increased perception of community safety.