

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT
AND POLICY CENTER**

2021 Call for Research Proposals

MARIJUANA AND DRUG POLICY RESEARCH PROGRAM

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Grant awards will be announced on rolling basis until funds are exhausted.



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ABOUT

The **Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (DEPC)** invites researchers from universities and independent research centers in the United States to submit proposals for funded research focused on implementation and policy impacts of marijuana legalization and other emerging topics in drug enforcement and policy. We are specifically interested in research addressing questions related to criminal justice administration, public health, and public safety, as well as their various intersections. In selection for funding, we are likely to prioritize shorter-term research projects (e.g., completed before Fall 2022) that can help inform the work of lawmakers, regulators and advocates eager to promote evidence-based best practices and policies in emerging and future reforms efforts. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Impacts of marijuana reform and other drug decriminalization efforts on criminal case processing and law enforcement work including resource allocation, changes to existing arrest/charging/sentencing practices, use of fines and fees for enforcement, and broader effects on crime and community relations.
- Study and evaluation of present expungement and record relief efforts focusing particularly on marijuana offenses and other drug crimes and the impact of new laws and practices on affected population.
- Changes in rates of diagnosis for marijuana-related substance use disorders and/or other metrics of harms from problematic marijuana use; need, availability and efficacy of treatment programs and other counseling services for problematic marijuana use.
- Impacts and attitudes toward various drug reform efforts in specific neighborhoods/communities defined by geography, political affiliation, social-economic status, and/or other demographics.
- Cost-benefit analyses of marijuana legalization/decriminalization policies, with a focus on economic development and budgetary impacts resulting from reforms such as tax revenues, law enforcement expenditures, treatment costs and regulatory expenses.

In general, grant requests should not exceed \$35,000. However, projects with proposed budgets exceeding this amount are still encouraged to apply as additional funding may be available for certain types of projects. **The deadline for first-round submissions is January 14, 2022, but grants will be awarded on ongoing bases until allocated funds are exhausted and earlier submissions may be able to be funded earlier.**

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals should clearly state the purpose of the proposed research and how it relates to the mission of DEPC; methodology to be used to conduct the research; and a section describing contributions such research would make to the field. Proposals should also describe the anticipated products, including, but not limited to policy papers, academic papers, book chapters and white papers. **Proposals should be no more than three pages in length**, in addition to a budget and CV(s). Graduate student submissions should include a brief (one paragraph) endorsement from a faculty advisor.

Submit complete proposals to Jana Hrdinova at hrdinova.1@osu.edu.

RESEARCH PRODUCT

Regardless of form, the research product should help its reader gain deeper understanding of an issue and its impact and provide actionable advice to policymakers, legislators, regulators and/or researchers grappling with a

quickly changing field of drug policy and its many intersections with criminal justice and public health systems. DEPC encourages original research and data collection, although secondary analysis of publicly available data is acceptable. The center expects award recipients to submit a two-page executive summary of their findings that could be published on the center's website. DEPC may also ask recipients to present their findings at a center-sponsored event.

The center would in all cases seek to receive the final product within 12 months after the award announcement. If necessary, grant recipients can request an extension by submitting it in writing.

PAYMENT OF GRANT PROCEEDS

DEPC will tailor payment of grant proceeds based on the circumstances of each awardee to ensure compliance with university and college policies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Project investigators agree that any subsequent publications based upon this research will acknowledge support as follows:

▮ *"This study was supported by a grant from the Ohio State Drug Enforcement and Policy Center."*

If you have any questions about this request for proposals, including whether your research is appropriate for a DEPC grant, your budget, and so on, please contact Jana Hrdinova at hrdinova.1@osu.edu.