

FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Grant Awards

Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2003-PM-BX-0007
Office	BJA
Grantee	New York State Department of Health Corning Tower Albany, NY 12237-0000
Award Date	8/16/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0025
Office	BJA
Grantee	South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201-1708 Albany, NY 12237-0000
Award Date	7/30/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0024
Office	BJA
Grantee	Indiana Health Professions Bureau 402 West Washington Street, Room W 066 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2298
Award Date	7/14/2004
Award Amount	\$281,876

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0023
Office	BJA
Grantee	Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control 4545 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 11 Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3400
Award Date	6/28/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0021
Office	BJA
Grantee	Iowa Department of Public Health 321 East 12th Street Des Moines, IA 50319
Award Date	7/6/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0022
Office	BJA
Grantee	Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies 1560 Broadway, Suite 1310 Denver, CO 80220-5347
Award Date	6/28/2004
Award Amount	\$50,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0009
Office	BJA
Grantee	Maine Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services Office of Substance Abuse 159 State House Station AMHI Complex Marquardt Bldg 3rd Floor Augusta, ME 04333-0159
Award Date	7/14/2004
Award Amount	\$109,650

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0020
Office	BJA
Grantee	Kansas Board of Pharmacy 900 SW Jackson, Suite 560 Topeka, KS 66612-1231
Award Date	6/23/2004
Award Amount	\$50,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0019
Office	BJA
Grantee	Oregon Board of Pharmacy 800 NE Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232-2162
Award Date	7/23/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0017
Office	BJA
Grantee	Hawaii Department of Public Safety 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 400 Honolulu, HI 96819-1862
Award Date	6/23/2004
Award Amount	\$349,350

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0018
Office	BJA
Grantee	Cabinet for Health and Family Services 275 East Main Street Frankfort, KY 40601-2835
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0016
Office	BJA
Grantee	Mississippi Board of Pharmacy 204 Key Drive, Suite C Madison, MS 39225-7361
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$349,915

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2003-PM-BX-0006
Office	BJA
Grantee	Alabama Department of Public Health P.O. Box 303017 Montgomery, AL 36130-3017
Award Date	6/25/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2003-DD-BX-1002
Office	BJA
Grantee	Virginia Department of Health Professionals 6606 West Broad Street 5th Floor Richmond, VA 23230-1712
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$82,300

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0015
Office	BJA
Grantee	Nevada Department of Public Safety 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711-0001
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$344,581

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0014
Office	BJA
Grantee	Massachusetts Department of Public Health 250 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108-4619
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$350, 000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0013
Office	BJA
Grantee	Washington State Department of Health PO Box 47890 Olympia, WA 98504-7863
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$50, 000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0012
Office	BJA
Grantee	Department of Consumer Protection 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106-1630
Award Date	6/7/2004
Award Amount	\$50, 000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0006
Office	BJA
Grantee	New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety 25 Market Street, P.O. Box 081 Trenton, NJ 08625-0080
Award Date	6/1/2004
Award Amount	\$350, 000

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States that have implemented prescription drug monitoring programs have the capability of collecting and analyzing prescription data much more efficiently than states without such programs, where the collection of prescription information requires the manual review of pharmacy files - a very time-consuming and invasive process. The increased efficiency of prescription monitoring programs allows for the early detection of abuse trends and possible sources of diversion. The analysis of collected data also allows for the identification of outmoded prescribing practices, such as the undertreatment of pain, which may result in the development of educational programs for medical professionals.

Through the development and implementation of the New Jersey Prescription Drug Accountability Program, New Jersey plans to enhance the ability of regulatory and law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute the diversion of prescription controlled substances. The efficient collection and analysis of prescription data will allow law enforcement and regulatory investigators to efficiently obtain evidence involving the diversion of prescription controlled substances. It will also enable investigators to more efficiently evaluate allegations of drug diversion by individuals and practitioners and to obtain information in a less intrusive manner.

Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0008
Office	BJA
Grantee	West Virginia Board of Pharmacy 232 Capitol Street Charleston, WV 25301-2206
Award Date	6/1/2004
Award Amount	\$350, 000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2003-PM-BX-K001
Office	BJA
Grantee	National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws 700 North Fairfax Street, Suite 550 Alexandria, VA 22314-2040
Award Date	6/4/2004
Award Amount	\$850, 000

In Fiscal Year 2004, Congress appropriated funds to the U.S. Department of Justice to support the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs are systems where controlled substance dispensing data are submitted to a centralized database administered by an authorized state agency. Designed to help prevent and detect the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutical controlled substances -- particularly at the retail level where no other automated information collection system exists -- these programs also involve law enforcement, health providers, and the community in identifying drug abuse trends and possible sources of diversion, uncovering outmoded prescribing practices, and developing meaningful and appropriate educational programs for medical professionals. The Alliance for Model State Drug Laws will continue its work with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and serve as the program's primary technical assistance provider. Work elements include: providing training and technical assistance services to states as they plan, implement, and enhance statewide PDMPs; conducting one annual conference and three regional cluster events; developing and distributing a model interstate compact to enhance the sharing of PDMP information among states; establishing a listserv for state PDMP contacts; serving as a national resource center; and dedicating a section of the Alliance's Web site for PDMP-related information.

Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0004
Office	BJA
Grantee	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2001
Award Date	4/28/2004
Award Amount	\$50, 000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2003-DD-BX-1001
Office	BJA
Grantee	Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General 16th Floor, Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120
Award Date	4/14/2004
Award Amount	\$350,000

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Program	FY 2004 Prescription Drug Monitoring (Harold Rogers) Program
Award Number	2004-PM-BX-0003
Office	BJA
Grantee	Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration 312 8th Ave. North, Suite 1200 Nashville, TN 37243-1700
Award Date	6/1/2004
Award Amount	\$50, 000

In Fiscal Year 2004, Congress appropriated funds to the U.S. Department of Justice to support the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs are systems where controlled substance dispensing data are submitted to a centralized database administered by an authorized state agency. Designed to help prevent and detect the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutical controlled substances -- particularly at the retail level where no other automated information collection system exists -- these programs also involve law enforcement, health providers, and the community in: identifying drug abuse trends and possible sources of diversion, uncovering outmoded prescribing practices, and developing meaningful and appropriate educational programs for medical professionals. Tennessee's strategy to reduce abuse and diversion of prescription drugs must be centered around the involvement and cooperation of agencies and offices that regulate the distribution of prescription drugs; agencies and offices that enforce criminal laws that apply to illegal diversion of prescription drugs; public health officials; the health care professionals who handle, prescript and distribute prescription drugs; addiction treatment agencies; lawmakers; executive branch officials; private and government health insurance providers; community drug abuse prevention coalitions; and other relevant stakeholders to plan and implement appropriate gathering and sharing of data related to prescription drug distribution. Identifying and recruiting these stakeholders to participate will be the first step in the planning process.