

Statewide SAUSA Proposal

This is a proposal to develop a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) presence in northern and eastern Idaho to complement the current SAUSA Project in the Treasure Valley. Like the Treasure Valley SAUSA, the proposed SAUSA's will work closely with local and federal law enforcement partners to prosecute offenders in federal court, rather than state court, thereby sending those convicted to federal prison, instead of an Idaho Correctional facility. The SAUSA's would be available to prosecute a wide range of federal crimes:

- Internet based Crimes Against Children
- Gun and Gang Violence
- Drug Trafficking
- Fraud and other White Collar Crime
- Terrorism
- Identity Theft
- Immigration Offenses

Since 2007, a SAUSA Program has operated out of the United States Attorney's Office in Boise with great success. The project, developed by the Treasure Valley Partnership, employs the use of a SAUSA and focuses on the prosecution of gang, gun and drug trafficking offenses in the Treasure Valley. Typically, the federal sentences are lengthy and the offenders serve their sentences in federal penal institutions, thereby disrupting and dismantling the command and control structure of local gangs.

SAUSA Locations

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho has offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello. A statewide implementation of the SAUSA Project would be facilitated through the U.S. Attorney's branch offices in Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello. The northern office covers the ten northern counties of Idaho. The eastern office's territory encompasses 18 counties, from the eastern end of the Magic Valley to the Wyoming and Montana borders.

To date, the Kootenai County Prosecutor, the Bonneville County Prosecutor and the Bannock County Prosecutor have been favorably engaged in discussions to expand the SAUSA Project through their offices. They have indicated a preliminary need to prosecute gang, gun and drug crimes as well as crimes against children.

In addition, the United States Attorney, Wendy J. Olson, fully supports the project and the proposed expansion and is ready to support a co-located SAUSA in each of their branch offices.

Coalition of City/County Mayor's/Commissioners

The Treasure Valley Partnership is an active group of Mayors and County Commissioners from Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties who are dedicated to regional coordination, cooperation and collaboration for the benefit of the Treasure Valley. Under the current model, each city and county in the Treasure Valley Partnership contributes an amount based on population to fulfill the financial obligations toward the SAUSA Project.

It is the aim of this proposal to elicit and gain support from the Governor's Office, the Idaho Legislature, and Cities and Counties in and around the U.S. Attorney's offices in Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello. These local coalitions would:

- Enter into an agreement to fund the local coalition obligation.
- Participate in the hiring process.
- Participate in setting the prosecutorial priorities for the SAUSA.

Savings to Counties

Counties realize savings as a result of the SAUSA Project as well. Costs of incarceration during the trial and the costs associated with prosecution are foregone once an individual is indicted in Federal court. Prosecution costs are extremely hard to calculate due to the differences in complexity involved with each case. Costs of incarceration for a County can be estimated at \$45.00/day while an individual is on trial and awaiting sentencing.

Over the life of the SAUSA Project, individuals who have been indicted spend an average of 289 days in County jail through trial and sentencing. The county is reimbursed for these incarceration costs through the federal government. If you assume the daily cost for incarceration in a county facility to be \$45.00 per day, the average savings to the county for a single individual indicted under the project is \$13,000.

Statewide SAUSA Funding Proposal

Under this Proposal, city/county coalitions in the three regions of the State would contribute 25% of the budgeted amount of the annual cost of the SAUSA in their region. The cities/counties in the Eastern Idaho Coalition have included the cost of the SAUSA in their budget for their budget cycle which begins on October 1 of FY 2014-15. The Northern Idaho SAUSA Coalition was not able to get this program included in their budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, but anticipate including it in their budget beginning October 1 of 2015.

State of Idaho Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016

	TV SAUSA	Northern ID SAUSA	Eastern ID SAUSA	Total
Local Coalitions	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,750	\$ 25,000	\$ 68,750
State	\$ 75,000	\$ 56,250	\$ 75,000	\$ 206,250
Total	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 275,000

The U.S. Attorney's Office provides all overhead expenses including office space, support staff, travel and training related expenses. The estimated annual in-kind match for the Treasure Valley SAUSA, from the U.S. Attorney's Office is \$42,720.

Treasure Valley SAUSA Project History

The Treasure Valley Partnership developed the SAUSA Project in cooperation with the Governor's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2007.

The SAUSA Project is tasked with combatting gang related gun and drug crimes in the Treasure Valley. Currently, the Treasure Valley Partnership, the Idaho Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Attorney's Office collaboratively fund a deputy prosecuting attorney position, in Canyon County. The attorney is cross-deputized as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, who is housed, trained, and supervised by the United States Attorney and staff, and is solely dedicated to the federal prosecution of gang, gun and drug related offenses.

Major accomplishments and program facts:

- 275 federal indictments with a 95% success rate.
- 242 individuals sentenced in federal court.
- Average individual sentence is 53 months (4.4 years).
- Total time sentenced to federal prison is 1,085 years.
- The SAUSA Project reaches beyond the Treasure Valley. It has sent individuals from 13 different Idaho counties to federal prison.

SAUSA Program Indictments by County

County	Total Indictments	County	Total Indictments
ADA	81	JEROME	1
BLAINE	6	MALHEUR, OR	2
BOISE	2	OWYHEE	8
CANYON	137	PAYETTE	5
ELMORE	1	TWIN FALLS	16
GEM	1	UMATILLA, OR	3
GOODING	1	WASHINGTON	2
IDAHO	2	TOTAL	268

Analysis of Drive-by Shootings in Canyon County

Year	Caldwell	Nampa	Total # of Drive-by's
2006	73	211	284
2007	18	195	213
2008	5	124	129
2009	2	76	78
2010	1	19	20
2011	0	7	7
2012	1	3	4

Data prepared by the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office.

