

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is seeking comments from the public on whether and to what extent ONDCP's policy development process, drug budget review and certification processes of the 18 National Drug Control Program Agencies, and Grant Administration Programs perpetuate systemic barriers to opportunities for underserved communities and individuals from those communities. ONDCP is also seeking comments from the public regarding how its future proposed policies, budgets, regulations, grants, or programs might be more effective in advancing equity. ONDCP encourages and will accept public comments on or before August 6, 2021.

Additional Information is below:

Application of Equity in U.S. National Drug Control Policy

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/07/2021-14365/application-of-equity-in-us-national-drug-control-policy>

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Submissions might consider questions such as:

- Jurisdictions at the State, local, Tribal, and territorial levels have implemented equity assessment tools to inform their policymaking or budgetary processes. What are the lessons these jurisdictions have learned from implementing or interacting with those tools
- Formal consultations for the National Drug Control Strategy often involve direct relationships between ONDCP and the consulting group, organization, or subject matter expert. What are recommendations on how the agency can broaden its formal consultations to gain broader perspectives earlier in the policy development process?
- How might research examine equity in the context of law enforcement actions against drug trafficking or transnational criminal organizations? Are there existing applicable research frameworks that might be applied to ONDCP's Grant Administration Programs or other multi-jurisdictional task forces?
- What nationally representative private health, drug or crime databases or systems might be leveraged to provide information about equitable application of U.S. drug policy and how might access to such databases improve equitable responses? Please provide specific contact information for follow-up with those in a position to authorize dataset access.
- Provide recommendations for ONDCP to involve people who use drugs, especially those not typically included in household surveys, in the development of National drug control policy.
- What would be your recommendations for short-term and long-term goals that ONDCP should take into account to measure progress towards equity in drug policy?

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As always, if you would like to be removed from or add someone else to this list group, please send my Administrative Assistant, Gudy Gulino, an email to Gudy.Gulino@samhsa.hhs.gov and she will gladly update our list group.

Thank you and be well,
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