

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2021 Enacted- Discretionary:

FY 2022 Budget Request - Discretionary:

Program Change/Tech Adj. - Discretionary:

FY 2021 Enacted- Mandatory:

FY 2022 Budget Request – Mandatory:

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Mission:

The mission of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is to provide leadership, resources, and solutions for creating safe, just, and engaged communities.

Organization:

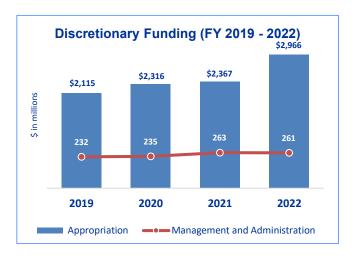
The OJP is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who sets programmatic priorities for the agency and ensures the goals of the Administration and the Department are supported. The AAG is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. All other OJP program office heads are presidentially appointed. The OJP has six program offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking.

Resources:

The FY 2022 budget request for the OJP totals \$2,965.8 million in discretionary funding, which is \$599.0 million, or 25 percent, above FY 2021 Enacted. The OJP also requests \$2,848.0 million in mandatory funding, which is \$707.5 million, or 33 percent, above FY 2021 Enacted.

Personnel:

The OJP's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 707 positions, which is 65 positions above the FY 2021 Enacted level of 642 positions.





FY 2022 Strategy:

The OJP accomplishes its mission by providing Federal leadership to advance work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. The OJP works in partnership with the justice community to identify the most pressing crime-related challenges. The OJP and its offices promote programs and research that deliver improved outcomes for communities. The OJP promotes a unified, efficient and fair response to crime and public safety threats through partnerships with law enforcement, courts, justice practitioners and professionals, victims' services agencies, and community and faith-based organizations involved in crime prevention, civil rights enforcement, and victims' services efforts.

Research, Evaluation, and Statistics

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics appropriation provides grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for research, development, and evaluation. It also supports development and dissemination of quality statistical and scientific information. This appropriation account funds the work of the NIJ and the BJS. The FY 2022 Budget requests \$86.0 million for this appropriation.

Research, Evaluation, and Statistics Set-Aside

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics set-aside will provide up to \$57.1 million to support research and statistical programs. This discretionary funding set-aside is an important source of funding that allows the BJS to develop and enhance basic statistical systems to monitor the criminal justice system and the NIJ to support research designed to identify best practices within that system. The FY 2022 Budget request for this set-aside is two percent of grant funding

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance

The State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriation funds programs that establish and build on partnerships with State, local, and tribal governments, as well as community and faith-based organizations. These programs provide Federal leadership on highpriority criminal justice concerns such as promoting community-based crime reduction efforts, reducing criminal recidivism, addressing opioid and substance abuse through appropriate treatment and diversion programs, promoting efforts to ensure procedural fairness and address systemic bias throughout the justice system, and identifying and responding to emerging criminal justice and public safety challenges, such as violent extremism. The FY 2022 Budget requests \$2,047.5 million for this appropriation.

Juvenile Justice Programs

The Juvenile Justice Programs appropriation supports the efforts of State, local, and tribal governments, as well as non-profit and community organizations, to implement effective crime and delinquency prevention programs, implement effective and innovative juvenile justice programs, ensure fairness and equitable treatment for all juveniles in contact with the justice system, and effectively address crimes against children and young people. The FY 2022 Budget proposes \$796.0 million for this appropriation.

OJP – Management and Administration

The FY 2022 Budget includes \$261.2 million for the OJP Management and Administration (M&A), which funds the costs associated with accomplishing the OJP's mission and ensuring sound stewardship of the OJP's grant programs. The OJP's M&A budget provides resources for staffing, rent, telecommunications, information technology infrastructure, and contractual goods and services.

Mandatory Programs

The OJP also has three key mandatory programs to reduce crime, protect the rights of the American people, and enforce Federal law.

Crime Victims Fund (CVF): The CVF provides formula grants to States and territories to support crime victims' compensation and assistance in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as over 11,000 local victim assistance programs. The CVF funding also supports training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants designed to improve the capabilities and capacity of victims' services providers throughout the Nation. The FY 2022 budget requests a \$2.65 billion obligation limitation for the CVF. Of this amount, up to \$132.5 million will be devoted to Tribal Victims Services Grants to improve services for tribal victims of crime; \$50.0 million will be for a new Victim Advocate Program, and \$10.0 million will be for the Office of the Inspector General.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB): The FY 2022 Budget requests \$192.0 million in mandatory funding for the PSOB Death Benefits Program. The FY 2022 Budget also includes \$34.8 million in discretionary funding for the PSOB Disability Benefits and Educational Assistance Programs. These programs provide benefits to survivors of public safety officers killed or fatally injured in the line of duty and to public safety officers permanently disabled by injuries suffered in the line of duty.

Domestic Victims of Trafficking Fund: The FY 2022 Budget requests \$6.0 million in mandatory funding for this program, which is funded by assessments on non-indigent persons convicted of certain offenses involving sexual abuse or human trafficking. This funding supports programs to assist trafficking victims. In FY 2022, the Department assumes \$1.0 million in collections and a \$5.0 million transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services.

FY 2022 Priority Programs:

Promoting Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Reform and Enhancing Civil Rights

The FY 2022 President's Budget prioritizes funding for criminal justice system reform efforts, including efforts to address systemic bias in the criminal justice system. To keep the respect and trust of the American people, it is essential that that State, local, and tribal governments implement effective efforts to reduce incarceration; divert low-risk, non-violent individuals from the criminal justice system; and to enhance civil rights by ensuring equal treatment and fair sentencing for all involved in the justice system and addressing persistent racial and economic disparities affecting the Nation's justice system. The FY 2022 budget request supports a wide range of programs addressing these issues, including:

- The <u>Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative</u> (\$100.0 million), a new program designed to provide effective alternatives to incarceration that will improve outcomes for youths convicted of crimes and assist them in becoming productive, law-abiding citizens:
- The new <u>Public Defender Improvement Program</u> (\$25.0 million), new <u>Legal Representation For Immigrant Children and Families Pilot</u> (\$15.0 million), and the expanded <u>Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense Program</u> (\$40.0 million), which will protect civil rights by helping ensure fair access to justice and legal representation for indigent adults and juveniles;
- The <u>Training on Racial Profiling, Duty to Intervene, and De-escalation Program</u> (\$20.0 million), a new program that will provide training curricula and resources that will help law enforcement agencies avoid actions that will contribute to racial and economic disparities in the justice system; and
- The <u>Hate Crimes Prevention Training Program</u> (\$9.0 million), which will provide training and technical assistance to build the capacity of law enforcement to respond and investigate hateand bias-motivated crimes. The program also will provide resources to non-profit organizations to support outreach efforts to communities affected by hate crimes.

Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence

Although overall rates of violent crime remain at the lowest level seen for several decades, it is clear that some cities and areas are beginning to see notable increases in violent crime. In recent years, gun crime and mass shootings have become a growing concern in every community and a serious threat to public safety and quality of life in many urban areas. The FY 2022 President's Budget provides for proven strategies that will reduce gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners, including:

The <u>Incentivization Program for Red Flag and Gun Licensing Laws</u> (\$40.0 million), a new program that will promote the adoption of innovative legislation at the State and local level that will allow families and police to restrict

access to firearms by individuals who are suicidal or mentally ill and assist states in ensuring firearms are sold or transferred only to those who are legally eligible to possess them;

- The National Criminal History Improvement Program (\$64.0 million) to provide grants and technical assistance to states and tribes to improve the quality, timeliness, and immediate accessibility of criminal history records and related information and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Act Record Improvement Program (\$25.0 million), which will provide grants to states to support the continued improvement of the NICS to ensure that firearms are not sold to those not legally qualified to own them;
- The <u>Gun Buyback and Relinquishment Pilot Program</u> (\$10.0 million), a new pilot program designed to help end our Nation's gun violence epidemic by promoting the development, adoption, and use of State gun buyback and relinquishment programs with the goal of removing firearms from those legally prohibited from possessing them;
- The Community Violence Intervention Initiative (\$100.0 million), which will assist communities in developing comprehensive violence prevention and reduction programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships between community residents, law enforcement, local government agencies, and other community stakeholders. Of the amount requested, \$10.0 million will be directed to focus on youth-based programs.

Addressing Substance Abuse through Effective Diversion and Treatment Programs

While the Nation is beginning to see a gradual reduction in deaths from opioid overdoses, it still faces serious threats related to drug addiction and its social, legal, and medical consequences. The FY 2022 President's Budget builds on the progress made under previous Administrations by funding a variety of efforts to efficiently address addiction and its consequences through diversion and treatment programs, including:

- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (\$190.0 million), which will support coordinated, system-wide initiatives that expand comprehensive, locally driven responses to substance abuse through prevention, intervention, and treatment programs;
- The <u>Drug Courts Program</u> (\$95.0 million) and <u>Veterans Treatment Courts</u> (\$25.0 million), which are both proven programs that divert non-violent individuals from the criminal justice system, and respond to the addictions of the of individuals they serve with an evidence-based combination of substance abuse treatment, mandatory random drug testing, equitable sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in judicially supervised court settings;
- The <u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</u> (\$33.0 million), which will help State, local, and tribal

governments prevent, detect, and respond to the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutically controlled substances through the implementation and enhancement of prescription drug monitoring programs; and

• The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (\$35.0 million), which will support State, local, and tribal efforts to develop residential and aftercare services that help substance-involved inmates break the cycle of addiction.

Combatting Sexual Assault

The Administration is expanding a number of the OJP programs that assist State, local, and tribal governments in improving their response to sexual assault and eliminating forensic evidence analysis backlogs related to these cases. The FY 2022 President's Budget includes substantial funding increase for several of these programs which include:

- The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (\$100.0 million), which will assist State, local and tribal governments to ensure just resolution to sexual assault cases, including assistance for investigation and prosecution of related cold cases, by developing comprehensive plans to inventory and test unanalyzed sexual assault kit evidence, supporting Combined DNA Index System-eligible testing of evidence in sexual assault cases, and improving their victim notification protocols and support for crime victims' services to victims of sexual assault;
- The new program, <u>Regional Sexual Assault Investigative Training Academies</u> (\$20.0 million), will provide cutting-edge, evidence-based and trauma-informed training on investigating and prosecuting sexual assault for law enforcement, prosecutors, and victims' advocates across the United States; and
- DNA Related and Forensic Programs and Activities (\$147.0 million), which will provide grant funding to States and units of local government to support forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services, which often play a vital role in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases. This program also provides support for the training of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and multidisciplinary teams dedicated to investigating sexual assault cases.

Supporting Effective Reentry Programs

The FY 2022 President's Budget also provides robust support for evidence-based reentry programs that will contribute to the Administration's efforts to promote criminal justice reform and ensure that the criminal justice system treats all Americans fairly. Promoting effective reentry programs not only helps those released from prisons or jails rejoin their communities as productive citizens but can also improve public safety by reducing criminal recidivism. The FY 2022 budget request supports ongoing OJP efforts to promote evidence-based and innovative reentry programs, including:

The <u>Second Chance Act Program</u> (\$125.0 million), which provides grants to help state, local, and tribal adult and juvenile corrections and public safety agencies, as well as nongovernmental reentry service providers, to implement and improve reentry services, including housing, education and employment assistance, mentoring relationships, treatment for substance use and mental disorders, and family support.

Program Funding Adjustments:

Discretionary Program Changes: The FY 2022 Budget proposes a net discretionary increase of \$600.5 million for the following programs: \$183.0 million for Part B Formula Grants; \$100.0 million for the Community Violence Intervention Initiative; \$100.0 million for Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative; \$58.0 million for DNA programs; \$51.0 million for Delinquency Prevention Programs; \$40.0 million for Incentivization Program for Red Flag and Gun Licensing Laws; \$37.5 million for Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense; \$26.0 million for Missing and Exploited Children; \$25.0 million for Public Defender Improvement Program; \$25.0 million for Second Chance Act programs; \$24.0 million for Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Programs; \$20.0 million for Regional Sexual Assault Investigative Training Academies: \$20.0 million for Youth Mentoring: \$20.0 million for Victims of Child Abuse Act Programs; \$15.0 million for Legal Representation for Immigrant Children and Families Pilot; \$10.0 million for PSOB Disability and Education Benefits;\$10.0 million for Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance; \$10.0 million for Gun Buyback and Relinquishment Program; \$5.0 million for Victims of Trafficking; \$4.0 million for Research on Domestic Radicalization: \$4.0 million for Hate Crimes Training: \$4.0 million for National Criminal Records Improvement; \$4.0 million for Tribal Assistance; \$3.0 million for Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program; \$3.0 million for STOP School Violence Act Programs; \$2.5 million for Child Abuse Training Programs for Judicial Personnel; \$1.5 million for Court-Appointed Special Advocates Program; \$2.0 million for Justice Reinvestment Initiative; \$2.0 million for Paul Coverdell Grants; \$2.0 million for Study of Lethality Assessments; \$1.0 million for Economic, High-tech, White Collar, and Cybercrime Prevention Program; \$1.0 million for Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Program; and \$29.5 million for the Byrne JAG Program.

Within the Byrne JAG program, new or increased carveouts are provided for: Training on Racial Profiling and De-Escalation (\$20.0 million); the Capital Litigation Improvement Grant Program (\$5.0 million); National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (\$2.6 million); Training to Improve Police-Based Responses to People with Mental Illness (\$2.5 million); Strategies for Policing Innovation (\$2.0 million); and Innovative Prosecution Solutions Initiative (\$2.0 million).

The FY 2022 Budget proposes a discretionary program elimination of -\$244.0 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

Mandatory Program Changes: The FY 2022 Budget proposes a net change of \$707.5 million for mandatory programs, including: a \$635.0 million increase for CVF

(including \$50.0 million for a Victim Advocate Program and \$31.7 million for Tribal Assistance Grants); a \$73.0 million increase for the PSOB Death Benefits Program, and a \$500,000 decrease for Domestic Victims of Trafficking.

In addition, the President's Budget supports the American Jobs Plan Community Violence Intervention proposal by requesting \$2.5 billion in mandatory funding to support this initiative beginning in FY 2023 and continuing through FY 2029. This request will complement a similar investment in the Department of Health and Human Services for a government-wide total of \$5 billion from FYs 2023-2029.