

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$116.3M
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$28.0M



Program Description

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to:

1. Survivors of public safety officers whose deaths resulted from injuries sustained in the line of duty;
2. Public safety officers permanently and totally disabled by injuries sustained in the line of duty; and
3. Eligible spouses and children of public safety officers killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty to help with higher education expenses (such as tuition and fees, books, supplies, and room and board).

Authorizing Legislation: The Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976, Public Law 94-430

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

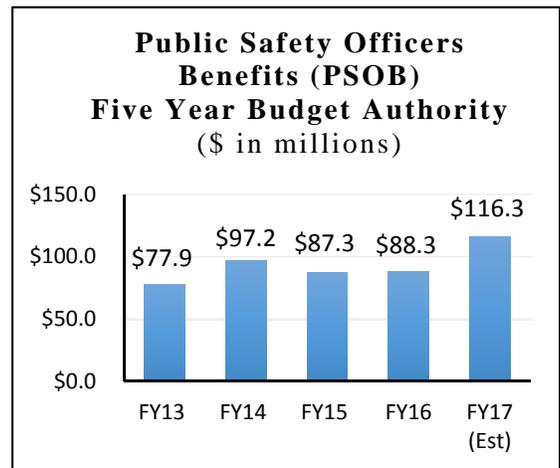
DOJ Strategic Objective 2.2: Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America's crime victims

Who Can Apply for Funding: Eligible beneficiaries include but are not limited to the, surviving spouse, children, PSOB designee, life insurance beneficiary, surviving parents, adult children (death claims), and injured public safety officers (disability claims)

How Funds are Distributed: A thorough claim process is required to determine eligibility. The FY 2016 amount of the one-time PSOB benefit is \$339,881 for eligible deaths and disabilities occurring on or after October 1, 2015. The amount of the monthly PSOB educational assistance benefit on or after October 1, 2015 is \$1,021.

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: N/A



Claim and Benefit History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated for the PSOB Discretionary Program (Disability and Educational Assistance)	\$16.0	\$16.3	\$16.3	\$16.3	\$16.3 Requested
PSOB Mandatory (Death Benefits)	\$61.9	\$80.9	\$71.0	\$72.0	\$100.0 Requested
Total PSOB Amount	\$77.9	\$97.2	\$87.3	\$88.3	\$116.3 Requested
Number of Claims Filed (Disability and Death)	384	390	350	TBD	TBD
Number of Claims Approved (Disability and Death)	208	251	267	TBD	TBD

For additional information, please visit: [Public Safety Officers' Benefits.](#)