

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$25.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: -\$10.0M

FY 2014 Activities Chart

(\$ in millions)



- Awards to the Regional RISS Centers
- RISS Information Sharing and Network Technology Support
- Collaboration Support and Technical Assistance

Program Description

Purpose: To enable multi-jurisdictional information sharing across law enforcement and criminal justice agencies at all levels to resolve criminal cases while promoting officer safety.

This program supports federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies and other criminal justice agencies through the six regional RISS centers by providing the following services:

- A secure online information and intelligence sharing network;
- Officer safety information and deconfliction services;
- Investigative and analytical support services;
- Loans of specialized investigative equipment and confidential investigative funds; and
- Training, conferences, and publications designed to assist RISS users in investigating and prosecuting regional, national, and transnational criminal activity.

Authorizing Legislation: Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC 3796h(d)) as amended

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

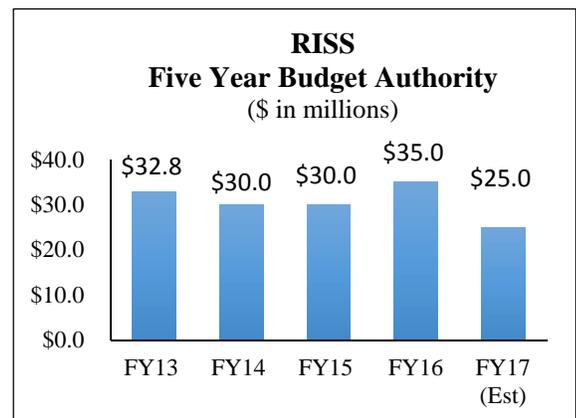
DOJ Strategic Objective 3.1: Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs

Who Can Apply for Funding: The six regional RISS Centers and the RISS Technology Support Center

How Funds are Distributed: Discretionary grants are awarded on an annual basis based the number of users each regional center serves, anticipated needs for the coming year, and overall RISS Program funding levels.

Program Goals:

- 1) Recruit more law enforcement agencies – particularly small agencies that would benefit tremendously from the RISS resources such as analysts, equipment, information-sharing, and trainings. Currently, RISS has about 9,000 member agencies but there are over 15,000 agencies in the country.
- 2) Work in conjunction with other national data sources to create a nationwide subject deconfliction search capability to allow law enforcements agencies to know when other agencies are investigating the same subject (individual, type of crime, etc.). Currently, only event deconfliction exists on a nationwide basis which is limited to a particular time, date, and location.
- 3) Annually, RISS aims to increase the number of search requests for information by 3%.



Accomplishments:

- RISS staff responded to over 184,000 requests for intelligence research support.
- Responded to 5.6 million requests through the automated federated search tool.

- Produced over 32,000 analytical products –such as link charts, telephone toll analysis, and crime scene diagrams – to support criminal investigations. RISS also provides computer forensics and video and audio enhancement services at some centers.
- Loans over 4,500 pieces of specialized equipment annually to agencies which could not afford to buy it.
- Increased to 26 (from 19) in FY 2011 the number of RISS Watch Centers where dedicated staff identify conflicts in law enforcement operations and inform officers.
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 952 training opportunities and helped train over 44,000 individuals.
- RISS and partner organizations announced in mid-2015 the integration of the three nationally-recognized event deconfliction systems¹ to create a single nationwide event deconfliction capability for officer safety.

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

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

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$32.8	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$35.0	\$25.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$29.6	\$27.0	\$27.0	TBD	TBD
Awards to Regional RISS Centers:					
1. Mid Atlantic –Great Lakes (MAGLOCLN)	\$4.6	\$4.4	\$4.1	TBD	TBD
2. Mid-States (MOCIC)	\$2.7	\$4.0	\$3.8	TBD	TBD
3. New England (NESPIN)	\$3.2	\$3.1	\$2.9	TBD	TBD
4. Rocky Mountain (RMIN)	\$4.6	\$4.3	\$4.1	TBD	TBD
5. “Regional” Southern States (ROCIC)	\$4.5	\$4.4	\$4.2	TBD	TBD
6. Western States (WSIN)	\$4.6	\$4.4	\$4.3	TBD	TBD
Award to RISS Information Sharing and Network Technology Support Center	\$3.6	\$2.0	\$3.5	TBD	TBD
Award to RISS Collaboration Support and Technical Assistance	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.0	TBD	TBD

[^] Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.riss.net/>.

¹ Case Explorer, SAFETNet*, and RISSafe