

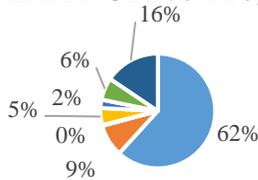
## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

### Program Names: Adam Walsh Act & National Sex Offender Public Website

#### FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$ 20.0M  
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No Change

#### SMART Office Programs



- SORNA Implementation
- Sex Offender Management
- Fellowships
- National Sex Offender Public Website
- Indian Country Training & Technical Assistance
- Campus Sexual Assault
- OJP Management/Administration

#### Program Description

**Purpose:** The Adam Walsh Act funds the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Implementation program which helps jurisdictions register and monitor sex offenders. The program also supports technology tools that allow cross-jurisdictional information sharing so offenders cannot go “off the grid.” The funding does not just sharpen post-release management of offenders, but seeks to prevent sexual abuse initially.

The National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) is an unprecedented public safety resource that provides the public with access to sex offender data nationwide. NSOPW is a partnership among the U.S. Department of Justice and state, territorial, and tribal governments, working together for the safety of adults and children.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Adam Walsh Act of 2006 (P.L.109-248)

**Administering Agency:** Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART Office)

**DOJ Strategic Objectives:** **2.2** Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America’s crime victims; and **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:** Adam Walsh Act implementation grants are limited to states, territories, and federally recognized tribes who opted in to SORNA. Other SMART Office programs are open to individuals, research institutions, and justice policy organizations.

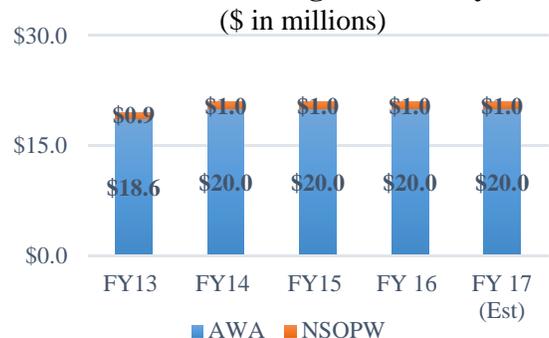
**How Funds are Distributed:** Through a competitive process, Adam Walsh Act awards are made as grants for up to \$400K for 24 months.

#### Program Goals:

The goals of SORNA Implementation are to:

1. Create a comprehensive sex offender registration and notification system;
2. Incorporate tribes into the national sex offender registration and notification system; and
3. Inform and protect the public.

#### Adam Walsh Act (AWA) and the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) Five Year Budget Authority



The goals of the NSOPW and its related resources are to:

1. Provide the public with a free tool to allow for searches of registered sex offenders nationwide;
2. Provide a web-based sex offender registry system to states, tribes and US territories; and
3. Provide better communication and coordination among SORNA jurisdictions' sex offender registry officials.

### **Accomplishments**

#### **Adam Walsh Act Implementation**

- With the help of grant funding and technical assistance, 20 states and territories and 90 Indian tribes have improved their systems such that they have substantially implemented SORNA.
- As a result of the SMART office's technology solutions, tribal officials can better access federal law enforcement information-sharing systems.

#### **National Sex Offender Public Website**

- NSOPW is the only U.S. government Website that links public state, territorial, and tribal sex offender registries from one national search site. Parents, employers, and other concerned residents can utilize the Website's search tool to identify location information on sex offenders residing, working, and attending school not only in their own neighborhoods but in other nearby states and communities. In addition, the website provides visitors with information about sexual abuse and how to protect themselves and loved ones from potential victimization.
- In 2014, the NSOPW had over six million unique visits and over 62 million page views by people who wanted to better inform themselves and protect their families, businesses, and communities from sex offenders.

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

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

### **Application and Award History**

#### **Adam Walsh Act (SORNA) Implementation**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$18.6	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0 requested
Total Funding Awarded <sup>^</sup>	\$14.3	\$13.5	\$11.5	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	57	74	52	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	48	57	43	TBD	TBD

#### **National Sex Offender Public Website**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$0.9	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0 requested
Total Funding Awarded <sup>^</sup>	\$0.8	\$0.9	\$0.9	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	2	1	1	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	1	1	1	TBD	TBD

<sup>^</sup> Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

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