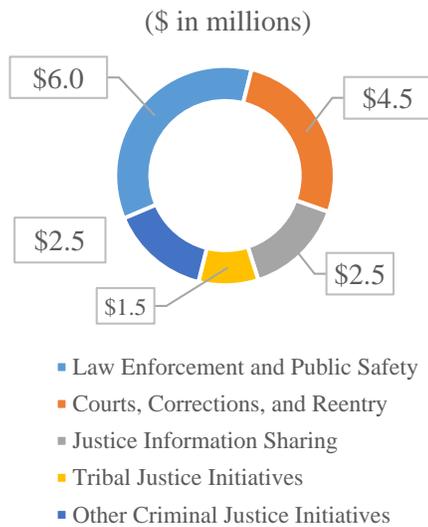


**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Program Name: Byrne Competitive Grants**

**FY 2017 Request**

Total Funding: \$15.0M  
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$15.0M

**FY 2014 Activities Chart**



**Program Description**

**Purpose:** To help state, local, and tribal governments develop innovative, evidence-based responses to new crime threats, emerging issues, and persistent crime and public safety challenges.

This flexible source of funding may be used to address:

- Crime prevention
- Law enforcement
- Courts
- Corrections and reentry programs
- Justice information sharing
- Substance abuse prevention to address drug-related criminal activity
- Efforts to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through DOJ appropriations acts

**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:** State, local, and tribal law enforcement, criminal justice, and corrections agencies, courts, community and not-for-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education.

**How Funds are Distributed:** All grants are awarded through a competitive, merit-based process. The amount awarded varies based on the nature of the projects funded under this program.

**Program Goals:**

To continue support for new and innovative strategies that address critical issues such as officer safety, mortgage fraud, crime relating to vacant properties, skills training for judges, and efforts to improve court communications.

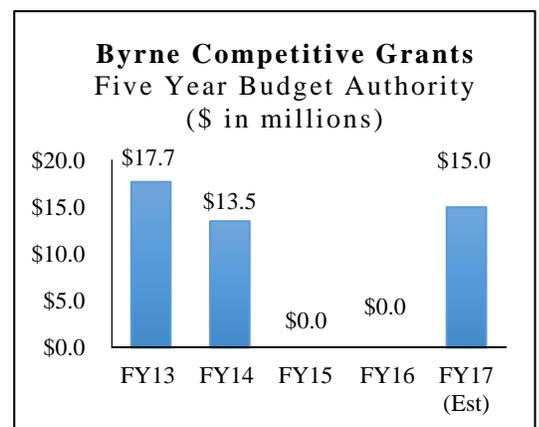
**Accomplishments:**

Since FY 2009, BJA has used funding from this program to support the *Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs* solicitation. Some examples of these projects include:

- Reducing Inmate Use of Cell Phones for Criminal Enterprise through Targeted Enforcement and Information Sharing Strategies
- Preventing Active Shooter Threats on College Campuses
- Risk-Needs-Responsivity Simulation Tool

A number of successful OJP programs, including the Smart Policing program, began with funding from this program.

This program is also a critical source of funding for OJP's efforts to improve justice information sharing.



**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	\$17.7	\$13.5	\$0	\$0	\$15.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$12.3	\$8.6	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Applications	258	243	N/A	N/A	TBD
Number of Awards	35	26	N/A	N/A	TBD

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

**For additional information, please visit: [Byrne Competitive Grants Program](#).**