

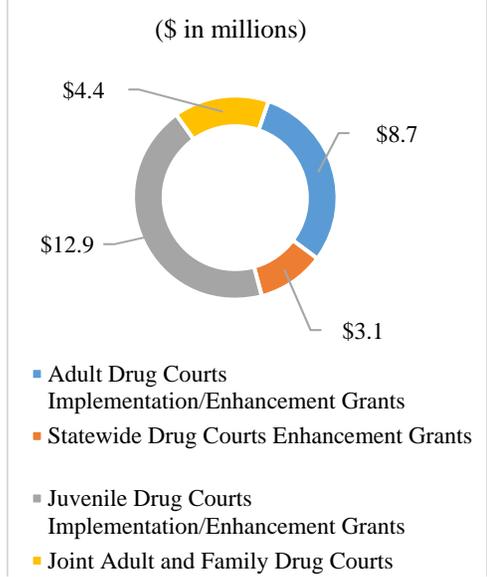
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$42.0M
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No change

FY 2014 Drug Court Activities



Program Description

Purpose: To help state, local, and tribal jurisdictions develop and implement drug courts that integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially-supervised court setting.

Drug courts are the most researched criminal justice intervention in use today. They have proven to be a solid investment of federal dollars with a 25-year track record of success in diverting drug-addicted individuals from incarceration, reducing their risk of recidivism, and improving public safety and health.

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

DOJ Strategic Objective 3.4: Reform and strengthen America’s criminal justice system by targeting only the most serious offenses for federal prosecution, expanding the use of diversion programs, and aiding inmates in reentering society.

Who Can Apply for Funding: States, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments

How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, awards are made as grants as follows:

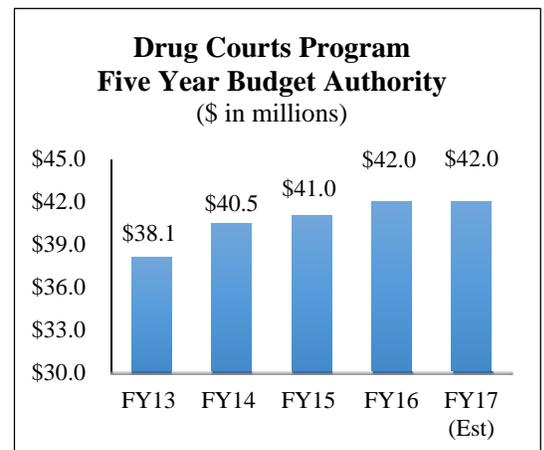
Activity	Award Length	Amounts
Adult Drug Courts Implementation and Enhancement Grants	24-36 months	\$200K - \$350K
Statewide Enhancement	36 months	Up to \$1.5M
Juvenile Drug Courts Implementation and Enhancement Grants	48 months	Up to \$425K
Joint Adult and Family Drug Courts	36 months	\$300K - \$350K

Program Goals:

BJA promotes the timely dissemination of information emerging from research on addiction science, substance abuse treatment and drug courts through BJA and the National Institute of Justice’s (NIJ) joint [Adult Drug Court Research to Practice \(R2P\) Initiative](#).

Accomplishments:

The NIJ Multisite Adult Drug Court Evaluation found that participants reported less criminal activity and were less likely to be rearrested than comparable offenders. The study also found that participants were less likely to report drug use and test positive for drug use than comparable offenders.



Drug courts programs generated an average savings of \$5,680 to \$6,208 per offender overall, largely due to reductions in costs associated with recidivism even though the investment in treatment costs was higher for drug courts participants than it was for comparable offenders.

BJA recently announced 10 new Mentor Adult Drug Courts to serve as hosts for visitors interested in learning first-hand how Drug Courts operate. These courts will also participate in studies on the model as well as for the development, identification, and testing of promising practices. For more information, visit: <http://www.ndci.org/training/visit-mentor-court>

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	\$38.1	\$40.5	\$41.0	\$42.0	\$42.0 requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$24.9*	\$23.0	\$23.0	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	248	214	152	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	68	64	63	TBD	TBD

*Includes \$989K in prior year funding.

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

For additional information, please visit: [BJA Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program](#).

¹ <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/205621.pdf>

² <http://www.nij.gov/topics/courts/drug-courts/pages/research2practice.aspx>

³ <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/197866.pdf>

⁴ http://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/keyprinciples.final_permplanning.pdf

⁵ <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/188154.pdf>

⁶ <http://nij.gov/topics/courts/drug-courts/pages/madce.aspx>