

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Firearm Locks Distribution and Safe Storage Program

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$0M
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No Change

Program Description

Purpose: To reduce deaths and injuries resulting from unlocked firearms by distributing free firearms locks and educating current or potential firearms owners about precautions they can take to ensure their firearms do not pose a danger to children or the community.

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

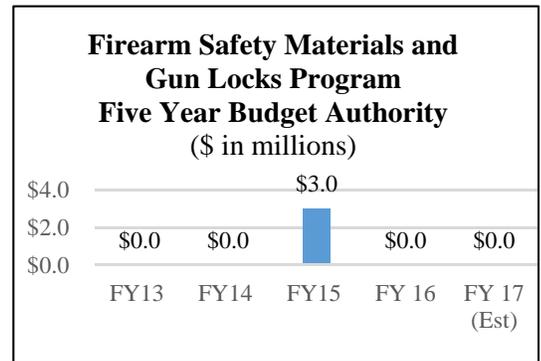
Who Can Apply for Funding: Nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), for-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and consortiums. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, in FY 2015 one award was made as a cooperative agreement for \$2.4M for a 24-month project period. BJA also entered into an Inter-Agency Agreement with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for \$200,000 to conduct an evaluation of the program.

Program Goals: The NIJ evaluation will inform BJA on how to increase the use of simple safety devices among gun owners—both current and new owners and owners in different settings (e.g., urban, suburban, and rural). The research will also provide insight into the effectiveness of partnerships and the most effective organizations who should be involved in implementing interventions to address firearm safety. Pending the outcome of the evaluation, additional funding for this program is not being requested.

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: In FY 2015, the appropriations language was, “\$3,000,000 is for competitive grants to distribute firearm safety materials and gun locks”. In future years, it would be more advantageous if the language was changed to: “\$X,XXX,XXX for competitive grants to support firearm safety.”

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 Available	\$0	\$0	\$3.0	\$0	\$0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	N/A	N/A	\$2.6	N/A	N/A
Number of Applications	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Number of Awards	N/A	N/A	1*	N/A	N/A

*Additionally, BJA entered into an Inter-Agency Agreement with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

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

For additional information, please visit: <http://safefirearmsstorage.org/> and the [BJA Solicitation](#).