

## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

### Program Name: Intellectual Property Enforcement Program

#### FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$2.5M\*  
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No change  
\*Carve-out from Economic, High-tech, Cybercrime Prevention Program



#### Program Description

**Purpose:** To prevent and prosecute intellectual property (IP) crimes by improving the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems.

IP crimes include violations of copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and other forms of intellectual property both in the United States and abroad.

This grant program supports grantee efforts to:

- Establish task forces to conduct investigations, forensic analyses, and prosecutions;
- Educate the public and law enforcement professionals about IP crime to prevent, deter, and identify criminal violations of IP laws; and
- Acquire equipment to conduct investigations and forensic analysis of evidence.

**Administering Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**DOJ Strategic Objective 2.4:** Investigate and prosecute corruption, economic crimes, and transnational organized crime.

**Who Can Apply for Funding:** State, local, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, and municipal law enforcement agencies, to include law enforcement agencies within institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and prosecutors.

**How Funds are Distributed:** Awards are made as grants for up to \$400,000 for a 24-month project period through a competitive process.

#### Program Goals:

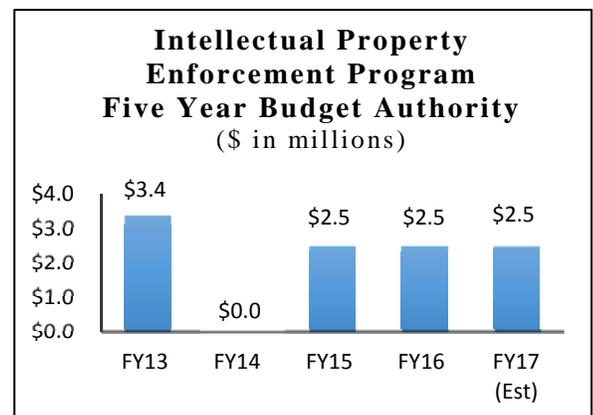
To increase effective collaboration and coordination between state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, multi-jurisdictional task forces, the FBI, and United States Attorneys' Offices. Under this program, grantees are required to establish and maintain such collaborations.

**Accomplishments:** Grantees of this program have:

- Arrested 4,822 individuals for violation of IP laws;
- Disrupted or dismantled 2,472 piracy/counterfeiting organizations;
- Seized \$367.2 million in counterfeit property, other property, and currency in conjunction with IP enforcement operations; and
- Trained over 1,500 investigators and prosecutors about IP in over 60 classes held in 41 states.

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

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



### **Application and Award History**

<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Amount Appropriated	[\$3.4]	[\$0.0]	[\$2.5]	[\$2.5]	[\$2.5] Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$3.1	\$2.0**	\$2.2	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	11*	25	22	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	11	4	10	TBD	TBD

\* Prior year highest scoring unfunded applicants only.

\*\* Funded with Economic High-tech and Cyber Crime Prevention funds.

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

**For additional information, please visit: [BJA Intellectual Property Enforcement Program](#).**