

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

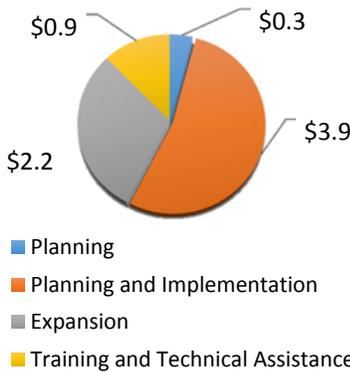
Program Name: Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$14.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$4.0M

FY 2014 Activities Chart

(\$ in millions)



Program Description

Purpose: To improve system-wide responses to mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system. This program provides support to state, local, and tribal governments to develop and implement strategies that bring together criminal justice, social services, and public health agencies.

Authorizing Legislation: Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-416)

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, units of local government, federally recognized Indian tribes, and tribal organizations

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

Activity	Award Period	Amounts (Up to)
Collaborative County Approaches – (Analysis and Planning)	24 months	\$150K
Implementation	36 months	\$250K
Expansion/Improvements	24 months	\$200K

Federal funds may cover no more than 80% of the total project costs. Grantees must match the other 20%.

Program Goals:

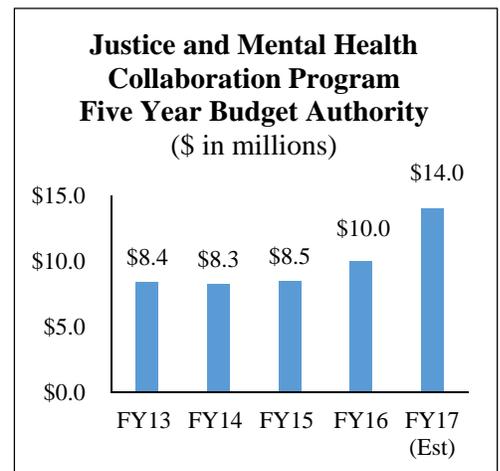
BJA emphasizes evidence-based strategies such as programs that address employment, housing, and education needs of the target population.

Accomplishments:

An [NIJ-funded evaluation](#) found that participants in two New York City mental health courts are significantly less likely to re-offend than similar offenders handled in the traditional court system. Today, more than 150 mental health courts exist, and more are being planned.

With BJA support, the Council of State Governments Justice Center has launched a free, online multimedia resource with the information teams need to plan, implement, sustain, or simply learn about mental health courts based on research and best practices from the field.

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



FY 2017 Proposed Budget Changes to the Program: The increase in funding will support the expansion of collaborative approaches that improve criminal justice outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and reduce criminal justice costs. It will also support training for Crisis Intervention Teams for police departments throughout the country. Crisis Intervention Teams are an innovative approach which trains police officers to identify and appropriately respond to persons with

serious mental illness in the community with an emphasis on crisis intervention, defusing potentially volatile situations, and identifying community-based treatment and alternatives to arrest for non-violent persons.

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$8.4	\$8.3	\$8.5	\$10.0	\$14.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$7.3	\$7.3	\$7.4	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	244	244*	172	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	34	36	31	TBD	TBD

*FY 2014 awards were made from a pool of unfunded FY 2013 applications.

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

For additional information, please visit: [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#).