

## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

**Program Name: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)**

### FY 2017 Request\*

Total Funding: \$0M  
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: - \$210.0M

\*The request would eliminate the program.

### Program Description

**Purpose:** To offset the costs of housing undocumented criminal aliens for states and localities.

The program provides partial reimbursement to state, local, and tribal governments for prior year costs associated with incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and who are incarcerated at least four consecutive days.

SCAAP funds may be used by jurisdictions for corrections purposes, but most jurisdictions use the SCAAP funds towards correction officer salary costs.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(i) as amended)

**Administering Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Citizenship and Immigration Services

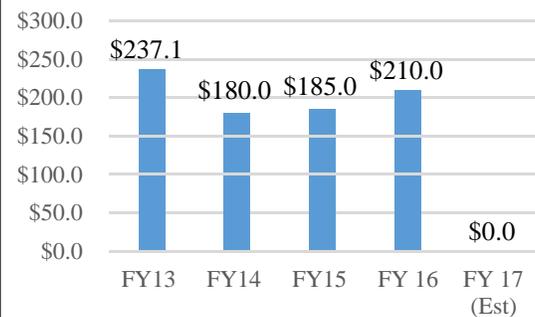
**DOJ Strategic Objective 3.1:** Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs

**Who Can Apply for Funding:** Units of general government (states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions) that have authority over correctional facilities that incarcerate or detain undocumented criminal aliens

**How Funds are Distributed:** Awards are determined through a statutory funding formula that considers various determining factors, including: per diem corrections costs per inmate, the number of days eligible criminal aliens were incarcerated, and average officer salary costs.

BJA provides the initial data to DHS, who uses their databases to verify criminal alien status and SCAAP eligibility. Awards are derived after this verification process.

**State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)  
Five Year Budget Authority  
(\$ in millions)**



**Program Goals:** None. This program is recommended for elimination.

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

**FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** Elimination of the program is one of OJP's ongoing efforts to consolidate existing programs into larger, more flexible programs that offer state, local, and tribal grantees greater freedom in using grant funding to develop approaches tailored to their local needs. Since SCAAP is a payment program, it offers OJP little opportunity to promote innovative strategies to address

growing corrections cost or support reforms that would enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement's contribution to immigration enforcement efforts.

**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	\$237.1	\$180.0	\$185.0	\$210.0	\$0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded <sup>^</sup>	\$213.3	\$161.6	\$165.3	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	899	852	835	TBD	TBD
Number of Reimbursements	895	848	830	TBD	TBD

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

**For additional information, please visit: [State Criminal Alien Assistance Program \(SCAAP\)](#) or the detailed list of [FY 2015 SCAAP awards](#).**