

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Smart Prosecution

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$5.0M*

Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: + \$2.5M

*This program is a carve-out of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Program Description

Purposes:

1. Promote the fair, impartial, and expeditious pursuit of justice;
2. Ensure safe communities; and
3. Promote integrity in the prosecution profession and effective coordination in the criminal justice system.

This program supports prosecutors in developing and implementing evidence-based, data-driven strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical. Grantees are required to work with an independent research partner to evaluate the effectiveness of their strategies. Lessons learned from Smart Prosecution will build a body of evidence for use by prosecutors nationally as they seek to work with communities and the police to solve chronic problems and fight violent crime.

Authorizing Legislation: Created by 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: State, local, and tribal prosecutor agencies or a government agency or nonprofit organization as fiscal agent for the applicant

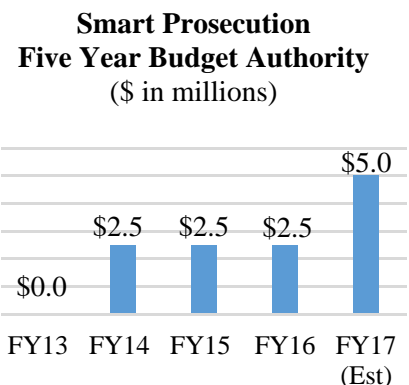
How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, awards are made as grants for up to \$425,000 for a 24-month project period

Program Goals: BJA supports:

- Prosecution strategies that break down information silos, improve public trust and confidence in the justice system, and increase public safety. Examples include changing how prosecutors' offices prioritize cases, using zone/geographic prosecution, crime analysis tools, restorative justice, community courts, truancy abatement, diversion programs, and cyber-crime strategies.
- Partnership building between prosecutors, police, the community, and other criminal justice and local agencies to find ways to work together to solve problems in their jurisdictions.

Accomplishments:

- In Harris County (TX), the District Attorney's Office is establishing a Misdemeanor Prostitution Court that identifies and treats the needs of prostituted young adults.
- In Los Angeles (CA), the City Attorney is implementing a program that utilizes evidence-based risk assessments to evaluate prosecutorial diversion options.
- In San Francisco (CA), the District Attorney's Office is establishing a Crime Strategies and Intelligence Unit.
- In Cook County (IL), the State's Attorney office is expanding and evaluating their Misdemeanor Deferred Prosecution Enhancement Program.



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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*	\$0	[\$2.5]	[\$2.5]	[\$2.5]	[\$5.0] requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$0	\$2.1	\$2.2	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	0	45	36	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	0	5	5	TBD	TBD

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

For additional information, please visit: [BJA Smart Prosecution](#).