

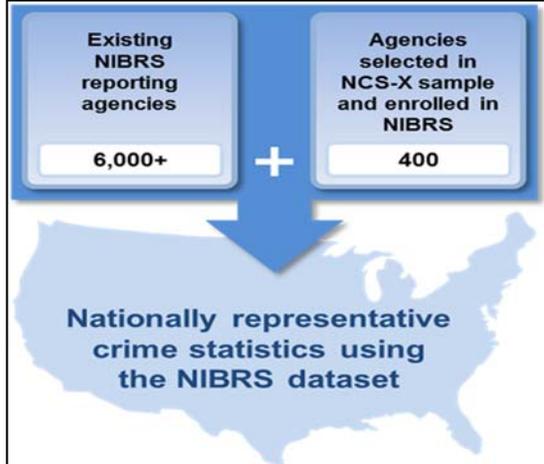
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: BJS National Crime Statistics Exchange Initiative (NCS-X)

Funding:

Since FY 2012, BJS has obligated \$13.7M to support NCS-X.*

*Includes funds from the Criminal Justice Statistics Program (BJS base) and transfers other federal agencies.



Source: BJS, [National Crime Statistics Exchange](#)

Program Description

Purpose: To help law enforcement, policymakers, and criminal justice planners make informed decisions by providing the most detailed nationally representative crime statistics possible.

The FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) collects detailed incident-based data from law enforcement agencies, but not all agencies participate (approximately 6,500 out of 18,000).

By enrolling an additional scientifically selected 400 agencies, BJS will be able to generate detailed national estimates of the volume and characteristics of crimes known to law enforcement.

For this program, BJS partners with—

- [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- [Integrated Justice Information Systems \(IJIS\) Institute](#)
- [International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\)](#)
- [National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics](#)
- [Police Executive Research Forum](#)
- [RTI International](#)

Authorizing Legislation: The Justice Systems Improvement Act of 1979

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

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: In FY 2015, eligible applicants were limited to state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) agencies to establish a NIBRS reporting component or to expand an existing program to include additional law enforcement agencies in the state. See the title page and appendix of the [solicitation](#) for more details.

How Funds are Distributed:

Category	Award Type	Project Period	Award Amounts
Planning	Cooperative Agreement	Maximum of 12 months	Varies based on needs; awards ranged from \$200,000 to \$635,000 (with a mean award amount of \$390,000)
Implementation	Cooperative Agreement	Maximum of 36 months	Varies based on needs; awards ranged from \$340,000 to \$925,000 (with a mean award amount of \$630,000)

Program Goals:

- In FY 2015, BJS funded state agencies as the first step to NCS-X implementation because they:
 - Certify agencies in their state for adherence to NIBRS standards;
 - Validate the data for errors before submitting to the FBI;
 - Train local law enforcement agencies in their state on proper reporting procedures; and
 - Audit their local agencies to ensure they are following reporting requirements.

- In FY 2016, BJS plans to support the selected local law enforcement agencies to begin collecting and submitting NIBRS data as well as training and technical assistance to help them with the process.

Accomplishments:

- In a [joint statement of support](#) in September 2015, the IACP, along with the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the National Sheriffs Association, and the Major County Sheriffs Association, endorsed the NCS-X program and the overall expansion of NIBRS among local law enforcement agencies.
- An NCS-X Executive Steering Committee, co-chaired by the director of BJS and the assistant director of the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services Division, was established to review program design and implementation to ensure the maximum benefit to state and local agency participants and key stakeholders.

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

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: The requested \$10.0M will fund training and technical assistance needed support the states and law enforcement agencies to begin participating in NIBRS.

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10.0 requested
Total Funding Awarded*	\$2.0M	\$2.5M	\$1.8M	\$7.4M	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	3	1**	1**	15	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	1	1	1	14	TBD	TBD

* Funding for NCS-X from FY 2012 to FY 2015 came from BJS base funds and a transfer of funds via interagency agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime.

** In FY 2013 and FY 2014, supplemental awards were made to the FY 2012 award that funded a feasibility and cost estimation study for NCS-X.

For additional information, please visit: [National Crime Statistics Exchange](#).