

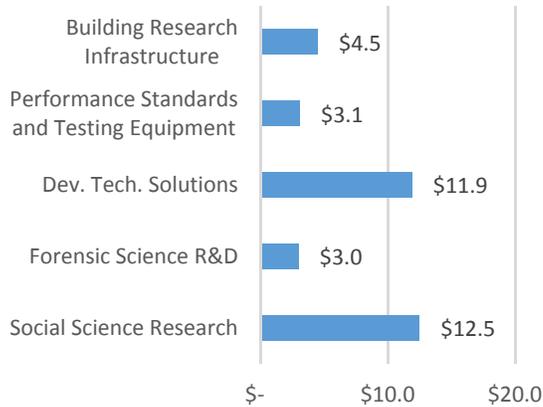
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Research, Development, and Evaluation (NIJ “Base”)

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$48.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: + \$12.0M

Average Annual Obligations by
Category Funded with
NIJ "Base" funds (\$ in millions)



Program Description

Purposes: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) exists to:

1. Encourage and support research, development, and evaluation to further understanding of:
 - Causes and correlates of crime and violence;
 - Methods of crime prevention and control; and
 - Criminal justice systems responses to crime and violence.
2. Contribute to the improvement of the criminal justice system and its responses to crime, violence and delinquency.

These funds are used to conduct research and development, including the development of new or improved approaches, techniques, systems, and technologies.

Authorizing Legislation: Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (sections 201 and 202); the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (sections 231-233).

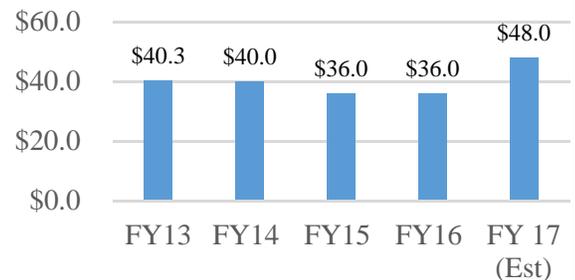
Administering Agency: National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

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

Program Goals:

- Increase research efforts and create new programs focused on advancing technology and developing innovative programmatic strategies that have measurable impact.
- Strengthen grant programs by integrating NIJ’s vast expertise in the social and behavioral sciences, forensic sciences, and science and technology.
- Develop new multimedia strategies, particularly Web-based approaches, to provide practitioners, policy makers, and researchers ready access to the scientific evidence needed to address criminal justice issues and to improve criminal justice policy and practice in an accurate and easily understandable format.
- Foster greater collaboration and coordination with Federal science agencies to leverage their strengths and ensure a more fair and just criminal justice system, minimizing redundancy in efforts and investments.

Research, Development, and Evaluation Program Five Year Budget Authority (\$ in millions)



Accomplishments:

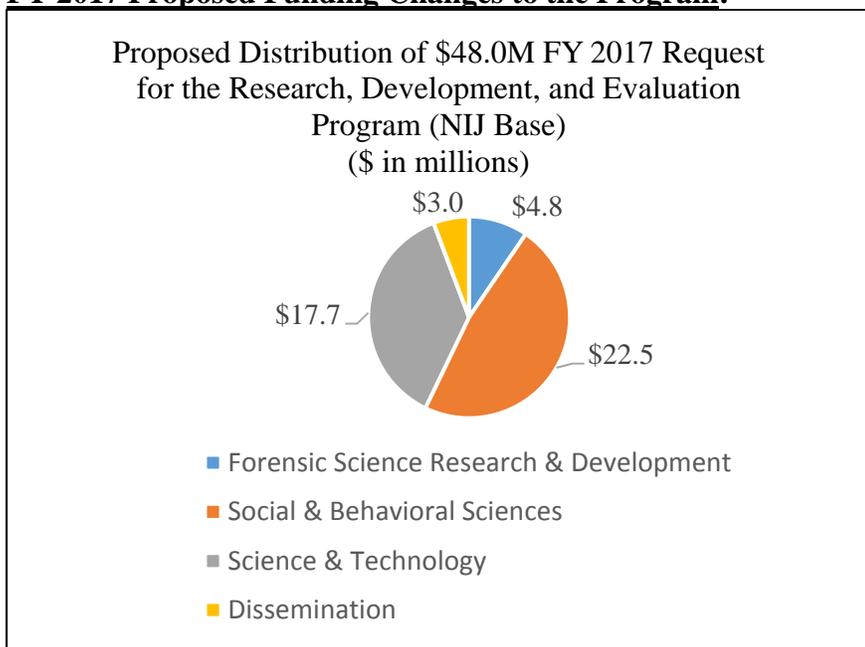
- Modern policing is, in large measure, the result of NIJ-funded research. NIJ investments led, for example, to the introduction of modern police body armor, community policing, understanding officer safety and

wellness, and improved death investigations. NIJ-funded research in the use of computers for crime analysis and mapping laid the groundwork for the present, near-pervasive adoption of crime analysis technology; while NIJ-funded research laid the ground work for today’s pervasive use of DNA-technology to solve crimes.

- NIJ established and continues to support the nation’s criminal justice research infrastructure; specifically
 - Established CrimeSolutions.gov a clearinghouse of evaluation research, showing what works, what does not work, and what is promising across criminal and juvenile justice issues, polices and practice.
 - Established the [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#) which holds over 2,000 research datasets available for analysis. This archive facilitates research in criminal justice and criminology through the preservation, enhancement, and sharing of electronic data resources.
 - Established the [National Criminal Justice Reference Service library](#) and [abstracts database](#), which contains more than 220,000 collection records and 60,000-plus online resources.

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

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:



The increase in funding also reflects the impact of the addition of a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) track to the NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship Program and enhancements to CrimeSolutions.gov.

For additional information, please visit the [NIJ website](#).