

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Program Name: Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$4.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No change*

*In FY 2017, this program is requested as a separate line-item appropriation. It has been a carve-out under the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Program.

Program Description

Purpose: To help prevent or counter violent extremism by supporting research that answers the following questions:

- What common threads exist among cases of domestic radicalization to violent extremism?
- How does the process occur in the United States, and how can we prevent and counter it?
- Why do people adopt radical beliefs, and why do some people choose to engage in violence to further those beliefs while others do not?
- How are U.S. communities responding to radicalization, and what works to prevent violent extremism?

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

Administering Agency: National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

DOJ Strategic Objective 1.1: Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur by integrating intelligence and law enforcement efforts to achieve a coordinated response to terrorist threats

Who Can Apply For Funding: States and territories, local governments, Indian tribal governments, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and certain qualified individuals. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

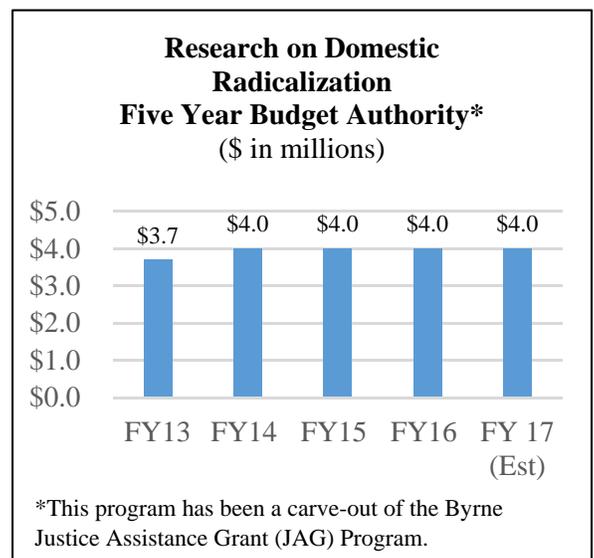
How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, awards are made as grants for up to \$750,000 for a 12- to 36-month project period.

Program Goals:

- The program is shifting away from basic research on what drives radicalization to the evaluation of promising practices to address these drivers. It is anticipated that the bulk of FY 2017 Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism funding will go towards such evaluations.
- NIJ is also working with international partners such as the United Kingdom Home Office and Public Safety Canada. The primary reason is to share research projects and findings. For example, in July 2015, these three organizations held a combined research conference in Washington, DC.

Accomplishments:

- Research teams have provided initial briefings and interim findings to many components of DOJ including the FBI.
- The teams are supporting the development of pilot studies in Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and Boston.



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

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Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated*	[\$3.7]	[\$4.0]	[\$4.0]	[\$4.0]	\$4.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$3.0	\$3.5	\$3.6	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	22	32	34	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	6	6	4	TBD	TBD

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^ Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for Management & Administration, Peer Review, or for other purposes identified in the DOJ Spend Plans.

For additional information, please visit: [NIJ Domestic Radicalization Research](#).