

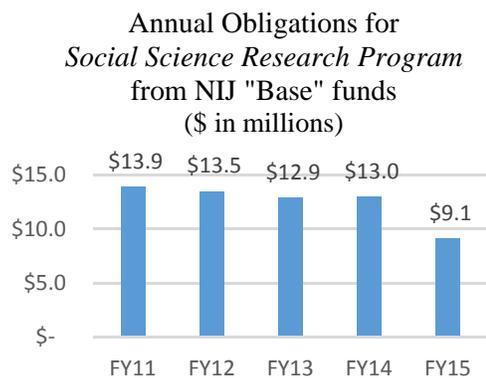
## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

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

**Activity: Social Science Research and Evaluation**

**Funding:** Annual average of \$12.5M

Between FY 2011 and FY 2015, a total of \$62.4M was awarded.



### Program Description

**Purpose:** To identify policies and programs that reduce and prevent crime and promote the fair administration of justice. Scientific studies are developed and conducted with outside researchers who often collaborate with criminal justice practitioners.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (sections 201 and 202).

**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

**Who Can Apply For Funding:** State and local governments, federal agencies, U.S. territories, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, private and public nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and qualified individuals. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

### Program Goals:

1. To understand the causes of crime to more effectively predict, prevent, and control it;
2. To develop, test, and evaluate ways to limit deaths and injuries of officers and suspects using technology and social science methods;
3. To strengthen evidence-based services to victims of crime and develop knowledge on violence and victimization that reduces and prevents violence and improves the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities;
4. To identify the components of a successful reentry program for different populations of offenders; and
5. To identify science-based policies and practices that reduce incarceration while maintaining public safety and holding offenders accountable.

### Accomplishments:

- Smart Policing – NIJ facilitated successful partnerships between researchers and practitioners including the University of Missouri and the City of St. Louis police department. Using a “hot spot” policing technique in randomly-designated areas, they were able to reduce firearms assaults by 50% compared to control areas.
- Understanding bullying - Through research on the impact of family conflict/abuse and delinquency on the perpetration of bullying, sexual harassment, and dating violence in early adolescence, the Nation’s criminal justice practitioners better understand that sibling aggression and having delinquent friends predicts bullying behavior.
- Using “sentinel events” to address weaknesses in the criminal justice system - “Bad” outcomes such as wrongful convictions or mistaken prison releases are rarely caused by a single act or slip-up but rather are “sentinel events” that signal underlying weaknesses in the system. NIJ has pilot-tested sentinel events reviews in three jurisdictions and preliminary evidence suggests that the process can generate useful

recommendations for reform that may strengthen the system and prevent similar errors from occurring in the future. A national symposium on NIJ's Sentinel Events Initiative is being planned for 2016.

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

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

**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*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Funding Awarded**	\$11.9	\$10.7	\$11.1	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	323	268	379	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	37	37	23	TBD	TBD

\*Not appropriated separately. This activity is supported with NIJ "Base" funds.

\*\* Reflects only funds awarded via grant or cooperative agreement. Does not include funds awarded via other mechanism (e.g., contract or Inter-Agency Reimbursable Agreement).

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