

**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Program Name: Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense Program**

**FY 2017 Request**

Total Funding: \$5.4M  
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: +\$2.9M



Figure 1: From DC Public Defender Service (<http://www.pdsdc.org/>)

**Program Description:**

**Purpose:** To assess and improve the quality of indigent defense services for juveniles in the U.S.

This program provides funding and other resources to:

- Develop effective, well-resourced model juvenile indigent defender offices;
- Develop and implement standards of practice and policy for the effective management of such offices; and
- Provide cost-effective and innovative training for the juvenile indigent defense bar and court-appointed counsel working on behalf of juvenile indigent defendants, particularly in rural, remote and underserved areas.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

**Administering Agency:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

**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 and How Funds are Distributed:** Through a competitive process, awards are made as follows:

Category	Who Can Apply for Funding	Award Type	Award Amounts	Award Period
Planning Grants	States, territories, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments	Grant	Up to \$125K	12 months
Defender Resource Centers	Non-profit and for-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education. Includes tribal organizations and institutions of higher education. For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee.	Cooperative Agreement	Up to \$500K	36 months
Training & Technical Assistance		Cooperative Agreement	Up to \$1.28M	24 months

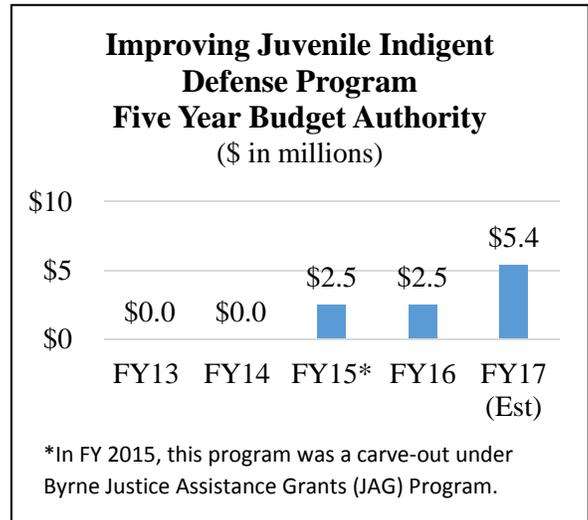
**Program Goals:**

The program promotes collaboration among critical stakeholders, including juvenile defenders, defender supervisors, juvenile court judges, policy makers, mental health professionals, juvenile justice agency leaders, community advocates, state level decision-makers, juvenile probation, schools, prosecutors, police, youth and family serving organizations, detention and corrections organizations, and others to encourage their participation in educational programs on adolescent development, trauma informed care, and other topics impacting the effective assistance of counsel.

**Accomplishments:** This was a new program in 2015.

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

**FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** This increase will support implementation grants for states that have completed their planning efforts with funding provided in FY 2015 and FY 2016. This program will support needed on-going improvements in the juvenile justice system to ensure that children and youth have access to competent counsel when they come before the court system.



**Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$0	\$0	[\$2.5]*	\$2.5	\$5.4 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$0	\$0	\$2.2	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	0	0	12	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	0	0	8	TBD	TBD

\* In FY 2015, this program was a carve-out under Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).

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

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/>.