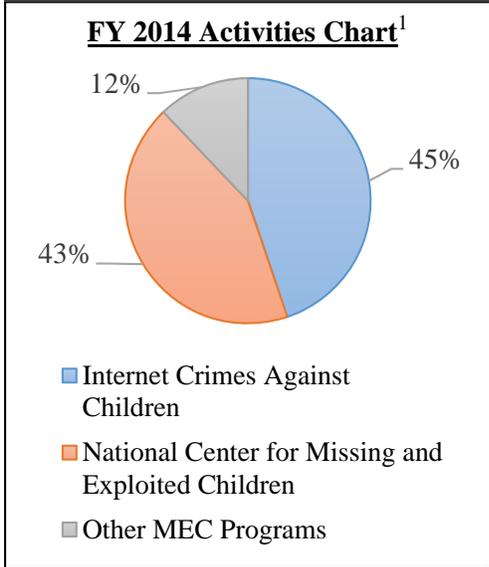


**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Program Name: Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Program**

**FY 2017 Request**  
 Total Funding: \$67.0M  
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: - \$5.2M



**Program Description**

**Purpose:** To support and enhance the response to missing children and their families. Funds support:

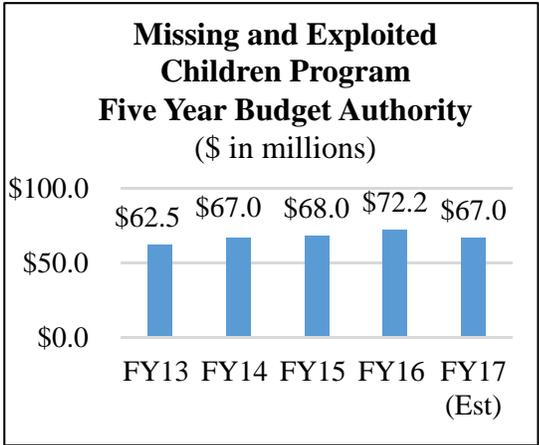
1. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program – to enhance the investigative response in missing and exploited children cases;
2. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - to enhance information sharing among regional nonprofit organizations and state missing children clearinghouses as well as law enforcement agencies;
3. Amber Alert Program - a partnership between law-enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies, and the wireless industry, to activate urgent bulletins in the most serious child-abduction cases; and
4. Other MEC program activities – to support training and technical assistance, research, and other activities such as Missing Children's Day.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Section 406 of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 5775) and the Protect Our Children Act of 2008.

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

**DOJ Strategic Objective 2.2:** Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America’s crime victims

**Who Can Apply for Funding:** Public agencies, including state agencies, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments), public universities and colleges, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community organizations). For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee. The only exception is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children which is by invitation only.



**How Funds are Distributed:** Through a competitive process, awards are made as cooperative agreements for 12 month periods. Based on the availability of funds and determination of successful performance, OJJDP may provide continuation funding for as many as two additional

12- month increments. Awards amounts vary by program. See [OJJDP Award Information](#) for more information.

**Program Goals:**

- Disseminate best-practices and cutting edge information and technology (via training and technical assistance) to investigators, prosecutors, child protection agencies, children’s advocacy centers, and services providers on how best to respond to missing and/or child exploitation issues.
- Assist state and local governments as well as non-governmental organizations in developing a multidisciplinary response to child victimization issues.

**Accomplishments:**

- Since the program’s creation, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s Missing Children’s Division has assisted in the recovery of more than 200,000 missing children.
- Amber Alert has been responsible for the successful return of 767 children since the program’s inception. In 2014, 95% of children recovered as a result of Amber Alert were returned within 72 hours.
- ICAC task forces, which cover all 50 states, have conducted more than 66,000 investigations which resulted in the arrest of more than 8,300 individuals.

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

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

**Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$62.5	\$67.0	\$68.0	\$72.2	\$67.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$55.1	\$58.4	\$59.4	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	108	95	85	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	75	78	84	TBD	TBD

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

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