

**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Program Name: National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention**

<b>FY 2017 Request</b>		
Total Funding:	\$4.0M	
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted:	+ \$4.0M	
<b>Forum cities</b>		
Baltimore, MD	Boston, MA	Camden, NJ
Chicago, IL	Cleveland, OH	Detroit, MI
Long Beach, CA	Louisville, KY	Memphis, TN
Minneapolis, MN	New Orleans, LA	Philadelphia, PA
Salinas, CA	San Jose, CA	Seattle, WA

**Program Description**

**Purpose:** To support local efforts to reduce youth violence and build local capacity. The Forum operates on three key principles:

1. Multidisciplinary partnerships are key to tackling this complex issue - police, educators, public health and other service providers, faith and community leaders, parents, and kids, must all be at the table.
2. Communities must balance and coordinate their prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry strategies.
3. Data and evidence- driven strategies must inform efforts to reduce youth violence in our country.

These three principles are critical to directing and leveraging limited resources in order to make a long-standing impact.

**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:** Units of local government, state agencies targeted to a local community, and federally recognized tribal governments that are currently implementing violence prevention strategies

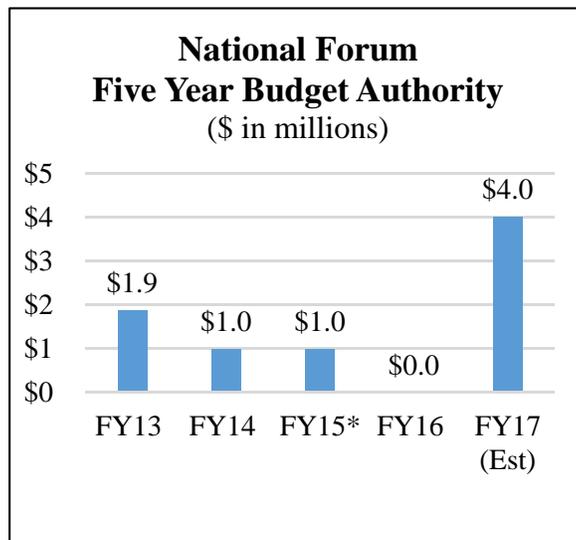
**How Funds are Distributed:** Through a competitive process, participating cities receive awards for up to \$20,000 for 12 months to cover the costs of travel and training. Subject to performance, need, and availability of funds, OJJDP may provide supplemental funding for as many as two additional 12-month increments.

**Program Goals:**

- The Forum requires the commitment, support, and leadership of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Superintendent of Schools, and U.S. Attorney in participating sites.
- Forum cities receive capacity building awards to support strategy implementation and training and technical assistance to enhance their programs.

**Accomplishments:**

- Nine out of the initial ten Forum cities reported reductions in homicides and juvenile violent crime during 2014. In one Forum city, violent crime decreased by 22% in that year. Nonfatal shootings have also dropped from previous years in these cities.



- Some cities report changes in quality-of-life measures such as increased school retention, better police practices, passage of state legislation to leverage resources, and passage of local tax measures.
- An [independent assessment](#) of the initial 10 participating cities National Forum was completed in 2012.

**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	\$1.9	\$1.0	\$1.0*	\$0	\$4.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded <sup>^</sup>	\$1.5	\$0.9	\$0.9	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	12	15	28	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	12	18	8	TBD	TBD

\* In FY 2015, this program was a carve-out of the Title V Program.

<sup>^</sup> 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/> or <http://youth.gov/youth-topics/preventing-youth-violence/about-national-forum>.**