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## OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION AWARDS OVER \$172 MILLION TO SUPPORT JUVENILE JUSTICE

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs today announced awards of more than \$172 million in grant funding to establish and enhance state and local juvenile justice systems; provide gang prevention and intervention services; fund mentoring and reentry services for youth and families; and help states comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded these grants to 48 states and more than 100 local jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and other public and private organizations.

"These awards will give those in the field the resources they need to support youth in communities and in the juvenile justice system," said OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp. "The best way to reduce crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place. Our robust prevention efforts are geared to do just that."

Of the \$172 million awarded, \$83 million will fund mentoring programs and services for youth; just over \$50.4 million will provide assistance to states' juvenile justice systems and staff; more than \$23.3 million will fund juvenile and family drug courts and provide services to youth impacted by the opioid crisis; over \$13 million will help support and provide data on reentry services for juveniles and parents of minors; nearly \$1 million will fund research and evaluations focused on interactions between law enforcement and youth; \$800,000 will support gang intervention, prevention, and education efforts; and \$415,822 has been awarded for development and implementation of juvenile justice emergency planning efforts at the state, tribal, local, and county government levels.

The funding also includes more than \$1.1 million awarded to five jurisdictions to strengthen the prosecution of juvenile delinquency cases through training, technical assistance, resources and professional development. Other awarded programs will enable research and evaluations of law enforcement interactions with youth, as well as the collection and public accessibility of national juvenile court case processing data and trends.

For a complete list of individual grant programs, award amounts, and the jurisdictions that will receive funding, visit <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xPQ9r">https://go.usa.gov/xPQ9r</a>.

Additional information about Fiscal Year 2018 grant awards made by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention can be found online at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xnqk5">https://go.usa.gov/xnqk5</a>.

The Office of Justice Programs, led by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau

of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. More information about OJP and its components can be found at: <a href="https://www.ojp.gov">www.ojp.gov</a>.

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