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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS MORE THAN \$372 MILLION TO FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs today announced that it has awarded more than \$372 million in grant funding to support state, local and tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the following awards:

BJA Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (\$235 million)

Byrne JAG supports a broad range of initiatives that work to prevent and reduce violent crime. It also provides funds to help crime victims and assist efforts in enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, detention and rehabilitation. Byrne JAG grants [local and tribal](#), and [state, District of Columbia and territory](#) awards through separate solicitations.

BJA Project Safe Neighborhoods (\$17.8 million)

The efforts of Project Safe Neighborhoods include addressing criminal gangs and the felonious possession and use of firearms. PSN collaborates with local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as the communities they serve, in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts. Information on the awards is available [here](#).

BJA National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (\$43.4 million)

SAKI works to reduce violent crime and support law enforcement officers and prosecutors by providing resources to [address](#) sexual assault kits not submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing, by improving investigation and prosecution for resulting cases, and by providing resources to collect DNA samples.

BJA Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking and Reporting (\$2.2 million)

Funding through SAFE-ITR [enables](#) agencies to document their unanalyzed sexual assault kits, efficiently process sexual assault evidence and upload DNA profiles to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) – steps that are effective in preventing perpetrators from committing additional violent crimes.

BJA Community-Based Crime Reduction (\$13.4 million)

CBCR leverages community knowledge and expertise to focus enforcement efforts on crime “hot spots” – neighborhoods where crime is concentrated. To generate long-term impacts, the program addresses a range of challenges.

State	Awardee	Amount
Alabama	Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth, and Reconciliation	\$992,237
Kansas	City of Wichita	\$1,000,000
Kansas	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas	\$999,958
Missouri	Beyond Housing Inc.	\$621,863
New Jersey	Newark Community Street Team	\$915,038
New York	Incorporated Village of Hempstead	\$1,000,000
Ohio	County of Hamilton	\$1,000,000
Oklahoma	City of Tulsa	\$900,000
South Carolina	City of Spartanburg	\$1,000,000
Tennessee	Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority	\$1,000,000
Wisconsin	City of Madison	\$1,000,000

In addition, \$3 million was awarded to the International Association of Chiefs of Police to provide training and technical assistance.

Operation Relentless Pursuit (\$10 million)

ORP infuses federal law enforcement resources into seven American cities with violent crime levels several times the national average. BJA funds support efforts such as the hiring of prosecutors, overtime expenses for task force members, multi-agency investigations, technology and strategic planning.

State	Awardee	Amount
Maryland	City of Baltimore	\$1,428,571
Michigan	Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office	\$1,428,571
Missouri	Board of Police Commissioner Kansas City Police Department	\$1,428,571
New Mexico	County of Bernalillo	\$1,428,571
Ohio	City of Cleveland	\$1,428,571
Tennessee	County of Shelby	\$1,428,571
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Justice	\$1,428,571

Project Guardian (\$4.3 million)

Project Guardian reduces gun violence and enforces federal firearms laws. Funds will enable jurisdictions to hire prosecutors within local U.S. Attorney’s Offices who are cross-designated to bring firearms cases to federal court.

State	Awardee	Amount
Arkansas	20th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney	\$303,918
Florida	State Attorney's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit	\$356,196
Kentucky	Kentucky Unified Prosecutorial System	\$400,000
Michigan	County of Jackson,	\$248,023
Missouri	Missouri Office of the Attorney General	\$397,020
Missouri	Jackson County	\$247,236
Montana	County of Yellowstone	\$216,755
Nevada	Clark County	\$400,000
New Mexico	New Mexico 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office	\$278,460
North Carolina	North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts	\$332,876
South Carolina	Horry County Government	\$265,258
Tennessee	District Attorney General, 30th Judicial District	\$398,864
Tennessee	Tennessee Office of the Attorney General	\$400,000

BJA Strategies for Policing Innovation (\$6.8 million)

Through SPI, BJA works with state and local law enforcement agencies and researchers to identify innovative and evidence-based strategies to tackle chronic crime in their jurisdictions.

State	Awardee	Amount
Delaware	Department of Safety and Homeland Security	\$700,000
Florida	City of Fort Myers	\$700,000
Iowa	City of Davenport	\$699,827
Illinois	City of Peoria	\$516,123
Missouri	St. Louis County	\$700,000
New Jersey	City of Atlantic City	\$699,990
New York	Suffolk County Sheriff's Office	\$700,000
North Carolina	City of Winston Salem Police Department	\$700,000
Ohio	County of Hamilton	\$700,000
Wisconsin	City of Milwaukee Police Department	\$700,000

BJA Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime (\$6.2 million)

The program provides state, local and tribal prosecutors with resources, training and technical assistance to develop strategies and programs to address and prosecute individuals who commit violent crime.

State	Awardee	Amount
California	Sonoma County	\$340,000
Georgia	Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$340,000
Georgia	Fulton County Board of Commissioners	\$270,682
Louisiana	19 th Judicial District Attorney	\$339,969
Louisiana	Orleans Parish District Attorney	\$339,962
Massachusetts	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$340,000
Michigan	Clare County	\$340,000
Minnesota	City of St. Paul, Minnesota Inc.	\$334,412
Minnesota	St. Louis County	\$340,000
Missouri	Jackson County	\$340,000
New Jersey	Cumberland County	\$135,000
New York	New York County District Attorney's Office	\$340,000
Ohio	Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office	\$340,000
Ohio	Licking County	\$339,054
Oregon	Multnomah County	\$340,000
Rhode Island	Attorney General's Office	\$340,000
South Carolina	Commission on Prosecution Coordination	\$340,000
Virginia	Loudon County Government	\$339,290
Washington	King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$340,000

Operation Legend (\$8.9 million)

Operation Legend is an ongoing, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative across all federal law enforcement agencies. It enables them to work with state and local law enforcement officials to fight the current surge of violent crime in American cities.

State	Awardee	Amount
Illinois	City of Chicago	\$3,499,932
Indiana	City of Indianapolis	\$250,000
Michigan	Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$1,000,000
Missouri	Kansas City Police Department	\$998,478
Missouri	City of St. Louis	\$1,000,000
New Mexico	County of Bernalillo	\$500,000
Ohio	City of Cleveland	\$1,000,000
Tennessee	County of Shelby	\$200,000
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Justice	\$500,000

BJA Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (\$4.4 million)

CGICs focus on the collection, management and analysis of crime gun evidence in real time to identify shooters, disrupt criminal activity and prevent future violence. The centers rely on collaboration between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and local police agencies and community groups.

State	Awardee	Amount
Connecticut	City of New Haven	\$700,000
Florida	City of Miami	\$653,762
Florida	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	\$700,000
North Carolina	City of Henderson	\$215,919
Ohio	City of Toledo	\$687,182
South Carolina	City of Myrtle Beach	\$700,000
Tennessee	City of Chattanooga	\$700,000

BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (\$1.8 million)

NTTAC connects state, local, and tribal justice agencies with no-cost training and specialized guidance, provided by experts, to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, manage offenders and combat victimization.

OJJDP Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression (\$11.1 million)

More than \$10 million was awarded to 24 jurisdictions under **OJJDP's Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth**. These programs provide funding for communities to develop youth gang intervention or suppression programs that aim to reduce violence.

Category I: Intervention

State	Awardee	Amount
California	Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade United Fund Inc.	\$488,695
California	Social Advocates for Youth, SAY San Diego Inc.	\$488,495
District of Columbia	Collaborative Solutions for Communities	\$488,594
Florida	Kids Hope Alliance	\$488,595
Florida	Gang Alternatives for Youth, Inc.	\$488,594
Florida	Housing Authority of Tampa	\$488,594
Georgia	Fulton County	\$488,594
Hawaii	Adult Friends of Youth	\$481,795
Massachusetts	Roca	\$494,230
New Jersey	Cumberland County	\$499,791
New York	The Osborne Association, Inc.	\$488,595
Pennsylvania	Alleghany County	\$488,594
Tennessee	University of Tennessee Health Science Center	\$488,594
Texas	City of Ft. Worth	\$479,386
Texas	Southwest Key Programs	\$499,997
Virginia	City of Portsmouth Police Department	\$379,918
Virginia	City of Danville	\$488,595
Washington	N.E. Washington Educational Service District 101	\$499,288

Category II: Suppression

State	Awardee	Amount
Arkansas	Carters Crew	\$230,000
California	City of Stockton	\$230,000
Georgia	Augusta Richmond County	\$230,000
Maryland	Baltimore Police Department	\$230,000
Massachusetts	Massachusetts State Police	\$230,000
Pennsylvania	Neighborhood Resilience Project	\$230,000

OJJDP also awarded \$1 million to Florida’s Institute for Intergovernmental Research to continue operating the **National Gang Center**. The center provides training and technical assistance to OJP-funded programs and communities across the country to address the issues of youth gun and gang violence.

NIJ Research and Evaluation on Violent Crime (\$7.3 million)

The National Institute for Justice awarded grants to fund research and evaluation on the prevention and reduction of violent crime.

Awardee	Topic	Amount
Texas A&M International University	Firearm Violence	\$435,020
University of Maryland	Firearm Violence	\$369,412
Michigan State University	Domestic Terrorism Prevention	\$771,610
Children’s Hospital Corp. (Massachusetts)	Domestic Terrorism Prevention	\$488,390
Development Services Group Inc. (Maryland)	Domestic Terrorism Prevention	\$998,599
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences	Drugs and Crime	\$587,219
John Finn Institute for Public Safety (New York)	Policing	\$619,648
RAND Corporation (California)	National Youth Gang Survey	\$996,640
University of Washington	Violence Against Women	\$1,022,215
Regents of the University of Michigan	Violence Against Women	\$254,196
Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University	Violence Against Women	\$203,939
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Violence Against Women	\$539,232

Information about the programs and awards announced today is available here: [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training and technical assistance, and other resources to improve the nation’s capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and

enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Department of Justice. Learn more about the history of our agency at www.Justice.gov/Celebrating150Years.

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