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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS \$8 MILLION TO SIX COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON – Today the Office of Justice Programs’ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announced grant awards totaling more than \$8 million to reduce youth violence and gang activity in six communities across the country.

“OJJDP’s Community-Based Violence Prevention program focuses youth violence prevention efforts on what research shows works,” said OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee. “Through a combination of prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry programs, these sites will promote alternatives to violence and make communities safer.”

The six grant recipients include:

- City of Camden, N.J.: \$1,416,420
- City of East Baton Rouge, La.: \$1,458,231
- City of Kansas City, Mo.: \$1,271,319
- City of Newport News, Va.: \$870,316
- City of Syracuse, N.Y.: \$1,491,825
- Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention: \$1,500,000

“Each young life claimed by violence is one too many,” said Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason. “The Office of Justice Programs is deeply committed to supporting communities as they implement programs to reduce youth violence and gang activity and improve public safety.”

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), headed by Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason, provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has six components: 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 can be found at <http://www.ojp.gov>.