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### \*\*\*FACT SHEET\*\*\*

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTS \$47.4 MILLION INTO RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS PUBLIC SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, DC – The Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs today announced it has made 83 awards to institutions, agencies and organizations for research and evaluation projects that identify data-driven programs for reducing crime and promoting justice. The awards span research topic priorities such as prisoner reentry, terrorism prevention, human trafficking and police officer safety and wellness.

The Fiscal Year 2019 awards include:

### [Evaluation of Project Safe Neighborhoods](#)

This funding supports a joint effort of the Research Triangle Institute and the Justice Research and Statistics Association to evaluate the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. The evaluation includes a national assessment of all 93 districts to estimate the broad effects of PSN on violent crime.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$2,997,410

### [Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime](#)

In collaboration with OVC, NIJ funds evaluations of different types of victim service programs such as services embedded in hospitals and criminal justice agencies and those available through network organizations. Award recipients will conduct assessments in order to improve knowledge and understanding of services related to violence and victimization.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">California State University at Los Angeles Auxiliary Services, Inc.</a>	\$766,248
California	<a href="#">RAND Corporation</a>	\$496,739
Illinois	<a href="#">National Opinion Research Center</a>	\$493,017
Illinois	<a href="#">University of Illinois Board of Trustees</a>	\$995,926
Nebraska	<a href="#">University of Nebraska at Omaha, Board of Regents</a>	\$566,261
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Children's Hospital of Philadelphia</a>	\$678,752

**Total Amount Awarded: \$3,996,943**

**[Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics](#)**

The program provides funding to accredited academic institutions to support graduate research leading to doctoral degrees in areas relevant to preventing and controlling crime and ensuring the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice. The grants apply only to doctoral degree programs in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics discipline and provide for the student's salary and up to \$15,000 to cover tuition and fees, research expenses, and related costs.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
California	<a href="#">The Regents of the University of California (Davis)</a>	\$50,000
Florida	<a href="#">Florida International University</a>	\$50,000
Florida	<a href="#">The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees</a>	\$150,000
Georgia	<a href="#">Georgia Tech Research</a>	\$86,428
Kentucky	<a href="#">University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc.</a>	\$142,957
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Tufts University</a>	\$100,000
Nebraska	<a href="#">University of Nebraska</a>	\$146,805
Nevada	<a href="#">University of Nevada at Reno</a>	\$100,000
New York	<a href="#">The Research Foundation for the SUNY</a>	\$150,000
Texas	<a href="#">University of North Texas</a>	\$50,000
Texas	<a href="#">Texas State University</a>	\$150,000
Texas	<a href="#">Texas State University</a>	\$150,000
Texas	<a href="#">University of Texas at Austin</a>	\$150,000
Virginia	<a href="#">Virginia Commonwealth University</a>	\$149,960
West Virginia	<a href="#">West Virginia University (Fentanyl)</a>	\$100,000
West Virginia	<a href="#">West Virginia University (Fingerprint Latent)</a>	\$99,618
West Virginia	<a href="#">West Virginia University (Firearms Discharge Residue)</a>	\$100,000

**Total Amount Awarded: \$1,925,768**

**[Graduate Research Fellowship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences](#)**

Awards are provided to accredited academic institutions to support graduate research leading to doctoral degrees. Grantees are encouraged to utilize quantitative, qualitative, primary and secondary data analysis and mixed-method approach research studies to maximize the validity and reliability of the findings.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
California	<a href="#">University of California</a>	\$99,995
Kansas	<a href="#">University of Kansas</a>	\$78,783
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan State University</a>	\$28,282
New York	<a href="#">CUNY / John Jay College</a>	\$141,033
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Penn State University</a>	\$91,097
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Temple University</a>	\$50,000
Washington	<a href="#">University of Washington</a>	\$145,611

**Total Amount Awarded: \$634,801**

### *Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearm Violence*

The funding supports research and program evaluation projects that inform efforts to prevent and reduce intentional, interpersonal firearm violence and public mass shootings in the United States. Priority was given to projects in four areas: 1) Evaluate prevention or intervention programs and policies to reduce firearm violence; 2) Examine the defensive use of firearms and its impact on firearm violence; 3) Examine the impact of plea bargaining firearm charges on firearm violence; and 4) Improve the understanding of mass shooters and mass shooting incidents to inform prevention efforts at a local level.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
California	<a href="#">RAND Corporation</a>	\$955,475
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Northeastern University</a>	\$288,615
New York	<a href="#">City University of New York; John Jay College</a>	\$503,129
Ohio	<a href="#">University of Cincinnati</a>	\$323,263

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,070,482**

### *National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program*

This program's awardee will implement and enhance OJJDP's Statistical Briefing Book website and prepare statistical bulletins and web-based data briefs.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Nevada	<a href="#">National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges</a>	\$2,400,000

### *Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health, and Wellness in the Criminal Justice System*

The program funds multidisciplinary research projects addressing the impact of fatigue and stress among criminal justice employees. Its objective is to expand the understanding of the cumulative effect of shift-work schedules, overtime and secondary employment on the health, safety and performance of police and correctional officers.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
New Hampshire	<a href="#">University of New Hampshire</a>	\$886,821
New York	<a href="#">Fund for the City of New York</a>	\$1,000,000
New York	<a href="#">State University of New York at Buffalo</a>	\$834,177
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$549,260
Washington	<a href="#">Washington State University</a>	\$668,696

**Total Amount Awarded: \$3,938,954**

### *Research and Evaluation of Policing*

The program funds randomized controlled trial studies as part of a multi-pronged strategy to build evidence-based knowledge, and inform police at the state, local, and tribal levels on the relationship between policing and communities. The awards will explore such topics as women in policing and community reactions to police stops.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
D.C.	<a href="#">Police Executive Forum</a>	\$597,452
D.C	<a href="#">Police Foundation</a>	\$787,450
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$806,290
Virginia	<a href="#">George Mason University</a>	\$548,246

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,739,43**

**[Research and Evaluation on Terrorism Prevention](#)**

In an effort to better understand the principal drivers of radicalization and what can be done to prevent or intervene during the radicalization process, NIJ is funding projects that will improve our understanding of risk factors, develop risk assessment tools and increase our knowledge about deradicalization.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">University of Southern California</a>	\$1,670,395
Maryland	<a href="#">University of Maryland – (Training)</a>	\$715,752
Maryland	<a href="#">University of Maryland (Database)</a>	\$768,292
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Harvard University</a>	\$1,114,933

**Total Amount Awarded: \$4,269,372**

**[Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime](#)**

The funding supports three research and evaluation projects focusing on criminal investigation, prosecution, drug intelligence, and community surveillance relevant to narcotics law enforcement, forensic science, and medicolegal death investigation in priority areas: 1) fentanyl and its illicit analogues, 2) methamphetamine, and 3) illegal marijuana markets.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alabama	<a href="#">University of Alabama at Birmingham</a>	\$641,016
California	<a href="#">California State University Long Beach Research Foundation</a>	\$995,490
New York	<a href="#">City University of New York; John Jay College</a>	\$598,637
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$239,196

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,474,339**

**[Research and Evaluation on Gangs and Gang Violence](#)**

This funding supports a project that examines individual, family and community factors associated with girls’ desistance from gangs and gang-related crime in a transnational border community in Texas. The project builds off a previous California study and will be guided by an advisory board.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">National Council on Crime and Delinquency</a>	\$650,000
California	<a href="#">The Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles</a>	\$550,610

**Total Amount Awarded: \$1,200,610**

**[Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons](#)**

The funding supports research and evaluation projects that inform federal, state, local and tribal criminal justice agencies and victim service providers about responding to the challenges that human trafficking poses in their jurisdictions.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Illinois	<a href="#">National Opinion Research Center</a>	\$294,221
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Northeastern University</a>	\$664,690
Massachusetts	<a href="#">University of Massachusetts – Lowell</a>	\$499,796
Massachusetts	<a href="#">University of Massachusetts - Lowell</a>	\$499,483
North Carolina	<a href="#">University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill</a>	\$390,522

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,348,712**

**[Research and Evaluation on White Collar Crime: Health Care and Elder Fraud](#)**

The funding supports research and evaluation projects that increase our knowledge about identifying, preventing and reducing white collar crime in the United States.

*Category 1 Health Care Fraud*

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Maryland	<a href="#">University of Maryland</a>	\$842,768

*Category 2 Elder Fraud and Financial Exploitation*

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan State University</a>	\$595,961
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$988,159

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,426,888**

**[Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives](#)**

The program supports rigorous research projects that examine reentry initiatives, specifically those that focus on juveniles, young adults, and adults with a moderate-to-high risk of reoffending or reoffending with a violent crime.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Florida	<a href="#">Florida State University</a>	\$1,197,172
Iowa	<a href="#">Iowa State University of Science and Technology</a>	\$641,386
Indiana	<a href="#">RHI Foundation, INC.</a>	\$792,751
Maryland	<a href="#">Abt Associates, Inc.</a>	\$1,465,043
North Carolina	<a href="#">Research Triangle Institute</a>	\$1,169,360

**Total Amount Awarded: \$5,265,712**

### [Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice](#)

The funding supports investigator-initiated, interdisciplinary research and evaluation projects related to the administration of justice in three areas: 1) eyewitness evidence; 2) police deflection strategies; and (3) forensic science testimony.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">RAND Corporation</a>	\$990,808
D.C.	<a href="#">Police Foundation</a>	\$662,407
Florida	<a href="#">Florida International University Board of Trustees</a>	\$497,208

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,150,423**

### [Research into Desistance from Crime](#)

Funding awarded through this program encourages innovative approaches to advance the field's understanding of desistance and ways to integrate desistance into criminal justice practice and policy, in particular whether and how underlying mechanisms may vary by race, ethnicity, gender, and neighborhood context.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">Rand Corporation</a>	\$599,510
Ohio	<a href="#">Bowling Green</a>	\$797,079

**Total Amount Awarded: \$1,396,589**

### [Research on Immigration and Crime](#)

The funding will examine the nexus of crime and immigration, both legal and illegal, and how illegal immigrants are processed through the criminal justice system compared to other populations. The ultimate goal of the research is to increase understanding of the relationship between immigration and crime to better inform relevant criminal justice policy and practice.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">San Jose State University</a>	\$1,020,679
California	<a href="#">University of California Irvine</a>	\$713,114
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Pennsylvania State University</a>	\$673,685
Texas	<a href="#">University of Texas El Paso</a>	\$521,702
Wisconsin	<a href="#">University of Wisconsin</a>	\$396,194

**Total Amount Awarded: \$3,325,374**

### [Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence - Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting](#)

The program funds states and units of local government to implement evidence management programs to inventory, track, and report untested and unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs). The goal of the program is to gain an understanding of the number of SAKs in the possession of law enforcement agencies, and establish and maintain accountability for sexual assault evidence collection and analysis.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
North Dakota	<a href="#">North Dakota Office of the Attorney General</a>	\$442,908
Washington	<a href="#">Washington State Patrol</a>	\$920,951

**Total Amount Awarded: \$1,363,859**

**[Tribal Researcher Capacity Building Grants](#)**

The funding will provide small planning grants for new and innovative criminal justice research projects involving federally recognized tribes (or tribally based organizations) and which represent a new tribal-researcher investigator partnership. The research projects will examine topics such as missing and murdered native women and children, improving access to justice, and restorative approaches in tribal courts.

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	<a href="#">Tribal Law and Policy Institute</a>	\$105,000
Hawaii	<a href="#">University of Hawaii</a>	\$99,969
Nebraska	<a href="#">University of Nebraska at Omaha, Board of Regents</a>	\$169,264
Tennessee	<a href="#">University of Tennessee</a>	\$114,540

**Total Amount Awarded: \$488,773**

More information about OJP's Fiscal Year 2019 grant awards is available at: [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, 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](http://www.ojp.gov).