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## Office of Justice Programs

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## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$376 MILLION IN AWARDS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs today announced that it has awarded more than \$376 million in grant funding to enhance state, local and tribal law enforcement operations and reinforce public safety efforts in jurisdictions across the United States.

The awards are:

#### BJA Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program

The program supports a broad range of state and local criminal justice initiatives and reduces existing gaps in service that impact violent crime, crime victims, enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation. Awards are made through separate solicitations for local and tribal jurisdictions and for states.

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Awards

Number of Awards: 873 (Click here for awards list)

Total Amount Awarded: \$77,653,841

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program -State Awards

Number of Awards: 56 (Click here for awards list)

**Total Amount Awarded: \$175,151,783** 

#### **BJA National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative**

The Initiative supports the Department's criminal justice priorities of reducing violent crime and supporting law enforcement officers and prosecutors by: providing jurisdictions with resources to address sexual assault kits not submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing; improving

investigation and prosecution in connection with evidence and cases; and providing sites with resources to collect DNA samples.

## **Category 1:** Comprehensive Approach to Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits

Pima County, Arizona	\$2,000,000
Connecticut Emergency Services and Public Protection	\$1,488,202
City of Indianapolis, Indiana	\$1,403,842
Kentucky State Attorney General	\$1,493,089
City of Flint, Michigan	\$1,650,361
City of Duluth, Minnesota	\$727,651
State of Minnesota	\$2,000,000
Nevada Office of the Attorney General	\$2,000,000
City of Charlotte, North Carolina	\$1,494,054
City of Akron, Ohio	\$1,980,292
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio	\$2,000,000
State of Oklahoma Office of Attorney General	\$2,398,302
City of Memphis, Tennessee	\$1,899,781
Washington State Attorney General	\$1,500,000
State of Wisconsin	\$1,839,118

Total Amount Awarded: \$25,874,692

## **Category 2:** SAKI for Small Agencies (fewer than 250 sworn officers)

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania	\$493,227
South Dakota. Beadle County	\$498,332
City of Denton, Texas	\$499,890

**Total Amount Awarded: \$1,491,449** 

<u>Category 3</u>: Expansion of DNA Databases to Assist with Sexual Assault Investigations and Prosecutions: Collection of Lawfully Owed DNA from Convicted Offenders and Arrestee DNA Collections

Cuyahoga County, Ohio Prosecutor's Office	\$1,000,000
Texas Department of Public Safety	\$1,000,000
Washington State Attorney General	\$1,000,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$3,000,000

## **Category 4:** Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Sexual Assaults

City of Mobile, Alabama	\$293,288
Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Alabama	\$876,804
City of Fresno, California	\$1,000,000
District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department	\$1,000,000
Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney	\$769,895
Wayne County, Michigan Prosecuting Attorney's Office	\$1,000,000
City of Albuquerque, New Mexico	\$999,999
New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission	\$1,000,000
City of Durham, North Carolina	\$1,000,000
Texas Department of Public Safety	\$996,959
Office of the Attorney General of Virginia	\$950,390

**Total Amount Awarded: \$9,887,335** 

### **BJA SAKI Training and Technical Assistance:**

The award supports a national training and technical assistance provider who will deliver a wide range of services to jurisdictions engaged in addressing issues regarding unsubmitted sexual assault kits.

Research Triangle Institute, North Carolina

\$6,600,000

### BJA Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime Program

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

### **Recipients**

Maricopa County, Arizona	\$296,164
City of Long Beach, California	\$360,000
Yolo County District Attorney's Office, California	\$272,300
Denver District Attorney's Office, Colorado	\$357,459
State Attorney's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit, Florida	\$360,000
County of Cobb, Georgia	\$359,733
Rockdale County, Georgia	\$360,000
County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney	\$360,000
Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Illinois	\$360,000
Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Louisiana	\$310,496
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$360,000
City of St. Louis, Missouri	\$359,174
County of Onondaga, New York	\$360,000
Office of the Bronx County District Attorney, New York	\$360,000
Office of the Nassau County District Attorney, New York	\$360,000
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General	\$358,803
County of Hocking, Ohio	\$360,000
County of York, Pennsylvania	\$359,991
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, Michigan	\$360,000
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio	\$360,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$6,994,660

## BJA Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy

The program supports increasing the capacity of state, local, tribal, and territorial criminal justice systems to address intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Funding supports law enforcement agency task forces that address intellectual property crime.

City of Los Angeles, California

\$352,000

Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Illinois	\$400,000
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Missouri	\$400,000
Essex County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey	\$350,345
North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State	\$352,000
Pennsylvania State Police	\$400,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,254,345

### BJA Enhancing Task Force Leadership, Operations and Management Program

The program provides nationwide training and technical assistance to increase the effectiveness and ensure the success of state and local multijurisdictional law enforcement task forces created to address local crime issues. The Task Force Training Program increases the effectiveness of local, state, and tribal law enforcement in the management of multijurisdictional task force operations and promotes integrity and accountability by emphasizing best practices to reduce liability and enhance officer safety and effectiveness.

Institute for Intergovernmental Research, Florida

\$500,000

### BJA Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

This program supports state and local policymakers, practitioners, and entities that represent individuals with post-conviction claims of innocence to review wrongful conviction claims cases and enact measures to prevent future errors and ensure justice.

## <u>Prosecutor/Conviction Integrity Unit-Led Partnerships with Wrongful Conviction Review</u> Entities

Baltimore City State's Attorney Office, Maryland	\$275,000
State's Attorney's Office, Prince George's County, Maryland	\$262,000
Suffolk County, New York	\$275,000

**Total Amount Awarded: \$812,000** 

## **Wrongful Conviction Review Entity-Led Strategy:**

Santa Clara University, California	\$274,695
Innocence Delaware	\$255,444
Boise State University, Idaho	\$274,151

University of Illinois at Springfield	\$264,700
Regents of the University of Michigan	\$274,916
Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan	\$274,960
North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence	\$273,229
The Pennsylvania Innocence Project	\$249,362
University of Puerto Rico School of Law	\$274,819

**Total Amount Awarded: \$2,416,276** 

## BJA Justice for All: Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Training and Technical Assistance Program

The funding supports two training and technical assistance providers to deliver training and services to state and local governments requesting assistance. The providers help Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant grantees and other state and local jurisdictions accomplish the goals of the program.

## **Category 1:** Statewide Strategic Planning Training and Technical Assistance

National Criminal Justice Association, Washington D.C.	\$2,500,000
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### **Category 2:** Sixth Amendment Training and Technical Assistance

National Association of Criminal Justice Defense Lawyers Washington D.C. \$2,500,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$5,000,000

## BJA Implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities Program

Funding through the program supports projects designed to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities, and to achieve and maintain compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.

#### Awards:

### **Category 1:** Units of State Government Agencies

Alabama Department of Corrections	\$247,900
Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia	\$79,262
Michigan Department of Corrections	\$249,452
Division of Child and Family Services, Nevada	\$154,125

New Jersey Department of Corrections	\$246,146
South Carolina Department of Corrections	\$247,063
West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Total Amount Awarded: \$1,473,948	

### **Category 2**: Units of County, City or Local Government Agencies

Montgomery County Commission, Alabama	\$20,000
Los Angeles County Probation Department, California	\$231,821
County of Escambia County Commissioners, Florida	\$168,516
King County, Washington	\$171,026
New York City Department of Corrections	\$250,000

**Total Amount Awarded: \$841,363** 

## <u>Category 3</u>: Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native tribes and/or tribal organizations

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, North Carolina \$129,387

### BJA Comprehensive Corrections Training and Technical Assistance Program

The program provides comprehensive training and technical assistance to grantees and criminal justice practitioners to improve correctional services and increase public safety by improving outcomes for people detained and incarcerated in correctional facilities. This year, eight grant recipients will provide assistance in one of the eight categories:

#### Awards:

Category 1: National Reentry Resource Center	
American Institutes for Research in the Behavioral Sciences,	
Washington D.C.	\$7,299,962
Category 2: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners	
Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., Massachusetts	\$900,000
Category 3: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Resource Center	
Impact Justice, California	\$5,500,000
Category 4: Site-Based PREA Implementation Support	
Impact Justice, California	\$2,200,000

### **Category 5: Improving Wellness Support for Institutional Corrections Employees**

The American Correctional Association, Virginia \$1,500,000

## **Category 6: Improving Institutional Corrections Academy Training**

The Moss Group, Inc., Washington D.C.

\$1,500,000

### Category 7: Evaluation and Sustainability Support for Second Chance Act Grants

Research Triangle Institute, North Carolina

\$3,036,868

## Category 8: <u>Improving Safety for Institutional Corrections: Training and Technical</u> Assistance to Combat Contraband Cellphones

Urban Institute, Washington D.C.

\$1,799,528

## OJJDP Supporting Effective Interventions for Adolescent Sex Offenders and Youth with Sexual Behavioral Problems Program

The program assists communities in developing comprehensive, multidisciplinary approaches to provide intervention and supervision services for adolescent sex offenders and youth with sexual behavior problems. It also helps fund treatment and supportive services for their victims and families/caregivers.

### **Category 1: Project Sites**

Youth with Problem Sexual Behaviors Youth Outreach Services, Illinois	\$475,000
Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc., New York,	\$475,000
Joseph J. Peters Institute, Pennsylvania	\$475,000

Total Amount Awarded: \$1,425,000

### **Category 2: Training and Technical Assistance**

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

\$517,592

#### OVC Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program

The program provides funding to develop and enhance crime victim specialist programs within law enforcement agencies to better support victims through the criminal justice process. The grants support connecting victims with community-based direct victim services programs.

Total Amount Awarded: \$12,971,252

Number of Awards: 36 (Click here for awards list)

### SMART Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program:

The program provides funding to states, jurisdictions, U.S. territories and tribal communities to be used to help meet the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

<u>Purpose Area 1:</u> Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Implementation in States, the District of Columbia, principal U.S. Territories, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

Number of Awards: 51 (Click here for Awards)

Total Amount Awarded: \$14,961,231

### **Purpose Area 2: Support for Implementation in Counties**

Flagler County Sherriff's Office, Florida	\$150,000
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Florida	\$149,848
Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Florida	\$19,140
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Florida	\$39,500
Clark County Sheriff's Office, Ohio	\$149,928
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Ohio	\$150,000
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee	\$150,000
Tipton County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee	\$18,453

**Total Amount Awarded: \$826,869** 

#### SMART Maintenance and Operation of Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website

The funding supports the management and operation of Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, a comprehensive national sex offender registration and notification system to notify and protect the public from sex offenders. The funding also provides sex offender registry systems and tools at no cost to U.S. states, territories and federally recognized tribes who are implementing standards established by the Adam Walsh Act to close gaps and loopholes in reporting.

Institute for Intergovernmental Research, Florida

\$1,607,819

For information about the programs and awards announced today is available here: <u>OJP Awards</u> <u>Data webpage</u>.

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.