WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced nearly $2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2011 funding to advance the criminal and juvenile justice fields and to assist victims of crime.

Over 3,500 grants were awarded this fiscal year to the criminal justice field, including federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies, and community organizations. The funding will support a wide range of activities designed to increase the capacities of communities to prevent and control crime, to assist victims, to provide high-quality research and evaluation, and to encourage local innovation.

"OJP support of these important programs reflects our full commitment to local, county, state and tribal criminal justice efforts," said Laurie O. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General for OJP.

"OJP continues to partner with the field to discover new ways to enhance our knowledge of what works in the criminal and juvenile justice fields and to provide this information to our stakeholders nationwide."

A complete list of OJP’s Fiscal Year 2011 funding awards is posted in the funding section of the OJP Web site at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/11grantawards.htm.

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The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), headed by Assistant Attorney General Laurie O. Robinson, 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 (SMART). More information about OJP and its components can be found at http://www.ojp.gov.