OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AWARDS $62 MILLION IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) awarded more than $41 million in grants to national organizations to strengthen, expand and implement youth mentoring activities and youth development programming throughout the nation. An additional $21 million in grants was awarded to not for profit mentoring organizations. The mentoring grants are administered by OJP’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

“Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up with the guidance and support of a caring adult,” said OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee. “Mentoring programs, such as the ones that OJJDP is supporting this year, help make these healthy and nurturing relationships a reality for thousands of children across the country.”

Grant awards were made to the following organizations:

**NATIONAL MENTORING - $41,180,807 million**
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- National 4-H Council
- National Council of Young Men’s Christian Assoc.
- YouthBuild USA

**MULTI-STATE MENTORING - $21 million**

**Category 1: One-on-one mentoring - $2 million**
- Amachi, Inc.
- National Urban League

**Category 2: Group Mentoring - $8 million**
- Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation
- Citizen Schools, Inc.
- Close Up Foundation
- FRIENDS FIRST, Inc.
- Museum of Science
- National Indian Youth Leadership Project
- U.S. Soccer Federation Foundation, Inc.
- Up2Us, Inc.
Category 3: Combined One-on-One/Group Mentoring - $11 million
100 Black Men of America, Inc.
Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
Center for Supportive Schools
Council on Legal Education Opportunity
Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc.
Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry
National Organization of Concerned Black Men
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc.
Operation HOPE, Inc.
Southwest Key Programs, Inc.
U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.

Mentoring funding will support quality mentoring services for youth in high-risk environments, children of incarcerated parents and tribal youth.

For more information about OJP awards visit: http://ojp.gov/funding/funding.htm.

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. For more information about OJP, please visit http://www.ojp.gov.

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