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### **OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS EXPANDS NATIONAL FORUM ON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO FIVE NEW CITIES**

#### **Existing 10 Forum Sites Receive Sustainability, School Safety Funding**

Attorney General Eric H. Holder announced, during a recent Annie E. Casey Foundation's reception dinner, the award of \$100,000 to five new National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention sites through the Office of Justice Programs' Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The five new sites, Baltimore, Maryland; Cleveland, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Seattle, Washington; and Long Beach, California, will each receive \$20,000 to begin the work that has been so successful in the other Forum cities. Each site will also be eligible to receive additional funding once they develop sound plans for coordinating resources, engaging in community outreach, and involving stakeholders in their efforts.

OJJDP also awarded \$2 million to the existing 10 Forum cities to support their core youth violence prevention work and their transition to self-sustainability, which includes \$1 million from the Department of Education to fund the sites' school climate and safety improvement efforts through implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework.

"The National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention provides the template for future federal-local collaborations to strengthen and rebuild our communities," said OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee. "The Forum cities are reclaiming their streets and schools from the violence that has troubled them for so many years, and they are offering a future of better opportunities to their children."

Launched in 2010 at the direction of President Obama, the Forum is a network of communities and federal agencies working together to share information and build local capacity to prevent and reduce youth violence. The Forum began with six cities: Boston; Chicago; Detroit; Memphis; Salinas, California and San Jose, California. In 2012, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey; joined the original six Forum sites.

The Departments of Justice, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and Labor and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy are the Forum's federal partners. Participating cities are selected based on need, geographic diversity and willingness and capacity to undertake comprehensive efforts that are the

hallmark of the Forum. More details about the Forum's goals and city plans, the toolkit and the assessment are available at: [www.findyouthinfo.gov](http://www.findyouthinfo.gov).

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