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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTS MORE THAN \$43 MILLION IN RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS PUBLIC SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, DC – The Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs today announced it has awarded more than \$43 million to more than 50 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, human trafficking, forensic science and police officer safety and wellness.

The FY 2020 awards include the following:

Assessing the Effectiveness of the Second Chance Act Grant Program: A Phased Evaluation Approach

NIJ awarded more than \$1.1 million to support research to evaluate the effectiveness of the Second Chance Act grant program in improving reentry and reducing recidivism.

Recipient:

State	Awardee	Amount
Georgia	Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc	\$1,142,634

Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation of Firearms Violence

NIJ awarded more than \$800,000 to fund research and evaluation projects that inform efforts to prevent and reduce intentional, interpersonal firearm violence and mass shootings in the United States.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Maryland	University of Maryland	\$369,412
Texas	Texas AM International University	\$435,020

Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime

NIJ awarded more than \$3.3 million to conduct an expansion or extension of one or more ongoing longitudinal research studies that focus on delinquency and crime throughout the life-

course of the individual. The research findings will inform efforts to prevent the onset of delinquency and to intervene in the lives of juvenile and young adult offenders.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Massachusetts	President and Fellows of Harvard College	\$674,183
Oregon	University of Oregon	\$817,514
Texas	The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$1,881,736

National Youth Gang Survey

NIJ awarded \$996,640 to administer a national data collection from law enforcement agencies to produce accurate and reliable national estimates of, and information about, youth gangs and youth gang-related criminal activities and law enforcement approaches to dealing with those activities.

Recipient:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	Rand Corporation	\$996,640

Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health and Wellness in Criminal Justice System

NIJ awarded more than \$4 million to support multidisciplinary research projects addressing resiliency and recovery of law enforcement agencies from singular, extreme traumatic events; the impact of organizational stressors on officer health and wellness; community hostility; and other topics.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Massachusetts	Northeastern University	\$996,440
New York	NDRI-USA,Inc	\$644,720
Oregon	Oregon Health & Science University	\$764,928
Pennsylvania	University of Pennsylvania	\$785,851
Virginia	Police Foundation	\$832,000

Research and Evaluation of Victims of Crime

NIJ awarded more than \$4.2 million to evaluate programs that provide services for victims of crime and to conduct research on the financial costs of victimization. The research will improve knowledge and understanding related to violence and victimization and will fill critical research gaps.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	RAND Corporation	\$302,950
Illinois	National Opinion Research Center	\$1,225,595

New Hampshire	University of New Hampshire	\$455,598
North Carolina	Research Triangle Institute	\$695,719
North Carolina	Research Triangle Institute d/b/a RTI International	\$804,300
Texas	The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$745,679

Research and Evaluation on Domestic Terrorism Prevention

NIJ awarded more than \$2.2 million to build knowledge and evidence related to strategies for effective prevention of terrorism in the United States. The research projects will primarily benefit — and have clear implications for — criminal justice agencies and their attendant communities at the state, local and tribal levels.

Recipients include:

Awardee State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Maryland	Development Services Group, Inc.	\$998,599
Massachusetts	Children's Hospital Corporation	\$488,390
Michigan	Michigan State University	\$771,610

Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime

NIJ awarded more than \$1.4 million to support rigorous applied research on evidence-based tools, protocols and policies for state, tribal and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies that address drug trafficking, drug markets and drug-related violence.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Kentucky	University of Kentucky Research Foundation	\$862,567
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences	\$587,219

Research and Evaluation on Policing

NIJ awarded more than \$2.4 million for investigator-initiated, randomized controlled trial studies of approaches to the challenges of policing in the United States. Studies will cover topics such as police-community engagement strategies and policing in rural communities.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
New York	The John Finn Institute for Public Safety	\$619,648
Ohio	University of Cincinnati	\$599,255
Virginia	George Mason University	\$385,434
Virginia	Police Foundation	\$836,000

Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives

NIJ awarded more than \$5.2 million for rigorous examination of innovative reentry initiatives, including those in rural communities. The research will advance the body of knowledge on promising practices in the field of offender reentry and inform the development of more effective reentry-specific initiatives at the federal, local, tribal and community levels.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	University of California, Irvine	\$1,557,676
Florida	University of South Florida	\$1,218,129
New York	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	\$2,512,329

Research and Evaluation on School Safety

NIJ awarded more than \$5.5 million to support research examining the root causes of school violence and evaluating the effectiveness of the approaches to stopping school violence.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	WestEd	\$852,868
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Florida	University of South Florida	\$478,553
Massachusetts	Trustees of Boston University	\$1,290,546
New York	Research Foundation of CUNY o/b/o John Jay College	\$797,256
Texas	The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$579,041
Virginia	The Rector Visitors of the University of Virginia	\$595,845

Research and Evaluation on Technology-Facilitated Abuse for Criminal Justice Purposes

NIJ awarded more than \$1.8 million to support research projects addressing the use of technologies such as texting, mobile applications and social networking to bully, harass, stalk or intimidate another person, including adolescents.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	RAND Corporation	\$599,368
District of Columbia	Justice Research & Statistics Association, Inc.	\$640,693
New Hampshire	University of New Hampshire	\$565,964

Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons

NIJ awarded more than \$2.5 million to continue to build upon its existing research and evaluation efforts in an effort to better understand, prevent and respond to trafficking in persons in the United States. Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
District of Columbia	National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Inc.	\$239,946
Massachusetts	Northeastern University	\$985,786
Minnesota	Regents of the University of Minnesota	\$758,811
North Carolina	Research Triangle Institute	\$583,465

Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women

NIJ awarded more than \$2 million for research and evaluation projects examining a broad range of topics including the crimes of homicide, intimate partner and dating violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking, along with the associated criminal justice system responses, procedures and policies.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Arizona	AZ Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University	\$203,939
Michigan	Regents of the University of Michigan	\$254,196
North Carolina	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	\$539,232
Washington	University of Washington	\$1,022,215

Research into Immigration and Crime

NIJ awarded more than \$1.3 million for research projects that increase the understanding of the relationship between immigration — both legal and illegal — and crime.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
California	CSU Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corp.	\$462,165
North Carolina	Research Triangle Institute	\$899,954

Research on Juvenile Reoffending

NIJ more than \$1.2 million in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to support rigorous research projects that improve measurement of juvenile reoffending.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Florida	Florida State University	\$512,718
Massachusetts	University of Massachusetts Medical School	\$600,000
New York	Research Foundation of CUNY	\$116,447

Research on Law Enforcement Responses to Sex Trafficking of Minors

NIJ awarded \$991,015 to support research to better understand how law enforcement practice with regard to the sex trafficking of minors has evolved since passage of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000.

Recipient:

State	Awardee	Amount
New Hampshire	University of New Hampshire	\$991,015

Research on the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals

NIJ awarded more than \$1.4 million to fund research and evaluation related to the abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly individuals.

Recipients include:

State	Awardee	Amount
Arizona	AZ Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University	\$1,035,328
Massachusetts	Education Development Center, Inc.	\$433,368

Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants Solicitation

NIJ awarded \$99,367 to develop new and innovative criminal and juvenile justice research or evaluation projects that address the challenges of fighting crime and strengthening justice in Indian country and Alaska Native villages.

Recipient:

State	Awardee	Amount
Alaska	Organized Village of Kake	\$99,367

More information about OJP's Fiscal Year 2020 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.

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