



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2018 Budget Request

STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE

\$5.1 Billion in Total Funding (Discretionary and Mandatory)

FY 2018 Overview

The Justice Department strongly supports its partnerships with state, local, and tribal entities. The FY 2018 Budget maintains its commitments to state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners without reducing the Department's federal operational role. Simultaneously, efficiencies are identified to ensure that federal resources are being targeted to key Administration priorities, such as combating violent crime. The FY 2018 discretionary and mandatory request for state, local, and tribal law enforcement assistance is \$5.1 billion, including specific discretionary enhancements of \$107.0 million.

Program Enhancements

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

The FY 2018 request for COPS totals \$218.0 million, including a \$20.4 million enhancement for the COPS Hiring Program.

The primary activity of the COPS Office is to increase public safety and advance community policing practices by awarding competitive, discretionary grants directly to law enforcement agencies across the United States and its territories. By funding over 13,000 of the nation's 16,000 law enforcement agencies, the COPS Office has helped create a community policing infrastructure across the nation. According to a 2013 BJS study, police departments with community policing incorporated into their agency mission employed approximately 88 percent of all local police officers. The COPS budget includes **\$20.4 million in increases** to advance these efforts.

- **COPS Hiring Program:** This request provides an enhancement of **\$20.4 million** for a total funding level for the COPS Hiring Program of \$207.0 million. Included within this total is \$10 million for community policing development activities, \$10 million for collaborative reform, and \$30.0 million for COPS Tribal Law Enforcement. Consistent with the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, and to increase tribal control of criminal justice, within the tribal funding up to \$3 million is to support additional access for tribal law enforcement to federal criminal information databases and systems. The FY 2017 CR level for this initiative is \$186.6 million.
- **DEA/COPS Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup:** The request provides an additional \$21,000 available to reimburse DEA for Meth Enforcement and Cleanup to

equal the FY 2016 enacted level of \$11 million.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The FY 2018 request for OVW totals \$480.0 million, including \$913,000 in enhancements. Of the total, \$445 million is derived by transfer from the Crime Victims Fund. The OVW request includes \$215 million for the STOP Formula Grants Program and \$35 million for the Sexual Assault Services Program.

The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is to provide federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By forging state, local, and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others, OVW grant programs help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence. The OVW budget includes **\$913,000 in increases** to further these efforts.

- The FY 2018 request includes an increase of \$913,000 across 17 programs above the FY 2017 CR, which provides a funding level equal to the FY 2016 appropriation for OVW programs. Increases support the following programs: STOP Program (\$409,000); NIJ Research (\$10,000); Transitional Housing (\$57,000); Consolidated Youth Program (\$21,000); Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Solicitation/aka Arrest (\$97,000); Rural Program (\$65,000); Legal Assistance to Victims (\$86,000); Grants to Support Families in the Justice System (\$30,000); Campus Program (\$38,000); Disabilities Program (\$11,000); Elder Program (\$10,000); Sexual Assault Services (\$65,000); Sexual Assault Clearinghouse (\$1,000); National Resource Center on Workplace Responses (\$1,000); Research on Violence Against Indian Women (\$2,000); Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (\$5,000); Rape Survivor Child Custody Act Program (\$5,000).

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

The FY 2018 request for OJP totals \$4.4 billion, including \$1.3 billion for discretionary grant programs, of which \$165 million is derived by transfer from the Crime Victims Fund, and \$3.1 billion for mandatory grant programs. It includes \$85.8 million in discretionary enhancements, including \$70 million for a new Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) block grant program.

OJP provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. Because much of the responsibility for crime control and prevention falls to law enforcement officers in states, cities, and neighborhoods, the Federal Government can be effective in these areas by working in partnership with the state and local justice community. OJP assists state and local jurisdictions in identifying their most pressing crime-related challenges and provides information, training, coordination, and innovative strategies and approaches to help address these challenges. OJP's budget includes **\$85.8 million** in increases to advance these efforts in several key areas.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Block Grants: The FY 2018 Budget requests \$70 million for this new program, which will build on and expand the work of DOJ's PSN Initiative to create safer neighborhoods through sustained reductions in gang violence and gun crime. The program is based on partnerships of federal, state, and local agencies led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each federal judicial district. The USA will be responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN team of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gang violence and gun crime enforcement, violence prevention and intervention initiatives; and community outreach within the district.

National Crime Reduction Assistance (NCRA): The FY 2018 Budget requests \$5 million in funding for this initiative, which builds on the work of the DOJ's previous Violence Reduction Network. The NCRA helps participating communities build their capacity to combat violence and address violent crime by helping them leverage appropriate DOJ resources, improving coordination and information sharing, and providing comprehensive training and technical assistance through multiple Department components.

National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP): The 2018 Budget requests \$53 million for this program, which is an enhancement of \$5.1 million above the FY 2017 CR level. NCHIP awards grants to assist states and territories with the improvement of the quality, timeliness, and immediate accessibility of criminal history and related records. These records play a vital role in supporting the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and helping federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement investigate crime and promote public safety. The FY 2017 CR level for this program is \$47.9 million.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program: The 2018 Budget requests \$15.5 million for this program, which is an enhancement of \$5 million above the FY 2017 CR level. This program provides demonstration grants and training and technical assistance to help state, local, and tribal governments ensure their detention and correctional facilities comply with the National PREA standards. It also supports statistical efforts to collect and publish data on the incidence of prison rape and related sexual offenses. The funding will ensure that OJP can accomplish its PREA mandates, particularly the PREA grant program, the National Inmate Survey, and the PREA Resource Center. The FY 2017 CR level for this program is \$10.5 million.

OJP Minor Program Increases: The FY 2018 Budget requests minor program enhancement totaling \$644,000 to restore 18 discretionary programs to the FY 2016 Enacted levels.

Mandatory Programs

- **Crime Victims Fund:** The FY 2018 Budget request includes an obligation limitation of \$3.0 billion for the Crime Victims Fund (CVF), which is \$42 million below the FY 2017 CR level. The CVF provides formula grants to states and territories to support compensation and services for victims of crime. CVF funding also supports training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants designed to improve the capabilities and capacity of victims services providers throughout the nation. The FY 2017 CR level for this program is \$3.04 billion.

- Included within this total are \$10 million to support oversight of Office for Victims of Crime programs by DOJ's Office of the Inspector General; \$25 million for Vision 21 initiatives; and a 5 percent set aside (totaling \$150 million) to support tribal victims assistance grants. Also included in this total is \$445 million for transfer to the Office on Violence Against Women and \$165 million for transfer to OJP's State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (\$73 million) and Juvenile Justice Programs (\$92 million) appropriations accounts. Of the \$165 million transferred to OJP appropriations accounts: \$20 million is for the Adam Walsh Act program; \$8 million for the Children Exposed to Violence program; \$45 million for the Victims of Trafficking Program; \$72 million for the Missing and Exploited Children Program; and \$20 million for the Victims of Child Abuse Act program.
- **Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB):** The FY 2018 Budget requests \$72 million in mandatory funding for the PSOB Death Benefits Program, which is equal to the FY 2017 CR level. The Budget also requests \$16.3 million in discretionary funding for the PSOB Disability Benefits and Educational Assistance Programs, which is an increase of \$31,000 above the FY 2017 CR level. These programs provide benefits to survivors of public safety officers killed or fatally injured in the line of duty and to public safety officers permanently disabled by injuries suffered in the line of duty. The FY 2017 CR levels for PSOB are \$72 million in mandatory funding and \$16.2 million in discretionary funding.

FY 2018 Program Enhancements Summary
Amounts in (\$000s)

Component/Initiative	Amount
Community Oriented Policing Services	
COPS Hiring Program	\$20,356
DEA/COPS Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup	21
Subtotal, COPS	\$20,377
Office on Violence Against Women	
Minor Increases to 17 OVW Programs	\$913
Subtotal, OVW	\$913
Office of Justice Programs	
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Block Grants	70,000
National Crime Reduction Assistance Network (NCRA)	5,000
National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)	5,091
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program	5,020
Minor Increases to 18 OJP Programs	644
Subtotal, OJP	\$85,755
Total, Program Enhancements	\$107,045