



## Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

### FY 2025 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2024 Continuing Resolution - Discretionary:	\$2,928.6 million (859 positions, 40 Attorneys)
FY 2025 Budget Request - Discretionary:	\$2,527.8 million (859 positions, 40 Attorneys)
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Discretionary:	-\$400.8 million (-13.7%)
FY 2024 Continuing Resolution - Mandatory:	\$2,040.0 million
FY 2025 Budget Request - Mandatory:	\$2,974.0 million
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Mandatory:	+\$934.0 million (+45.8%)

#### Mission:

The mission of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is to provide resources, leadership, and solutions to advance community safety, build community trust, and strengthen the community's role as co-producer of safety and justice.

#### Organization:

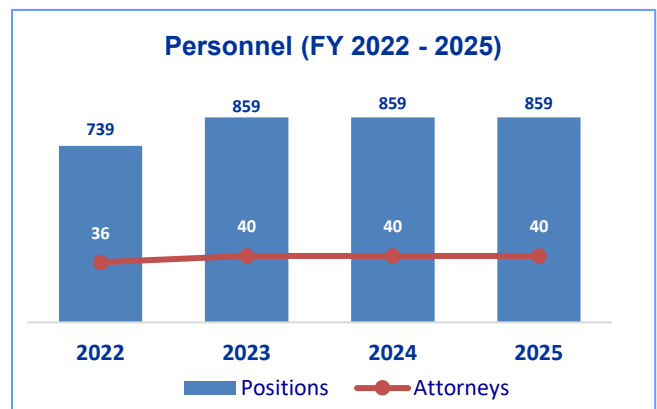
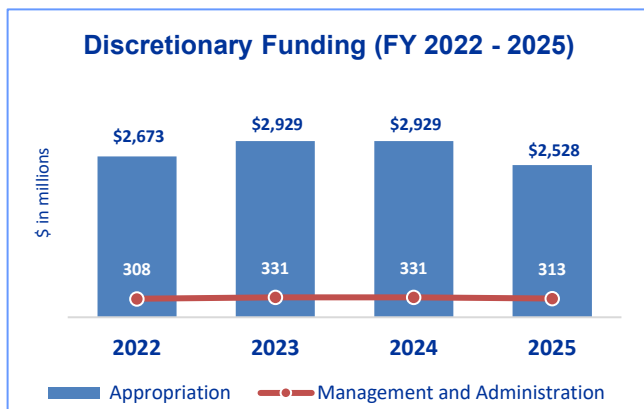
The OJP is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who sets programmatic priorities for the agency and ensures the goals of the Administration and the Department are supported. The AAG is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. All other OJP program office heads are presidentially appointed. The OJP has six program offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

#### Resources:

The FY 2025 budget request for the OJP totals \$2.5 billion in discretionary funding, -\$400.8 million (or -13.7 percent) below the annualized FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level. The OJP also requests \$3.0 billion in mandatory funding, which is \$934.0 million (or +45.8 percent) above the annualized FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.

#### Personnel:

The OJP's direct authorized positions for FY 2025 total 859 positions, which is equal to the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level.



## **FY 2025 Strategy:**

The OJP is the largest grantmaking component of the Department of Justice and houses the Department's criminal- and juvenile justice-related science, statistics, and programmatic agencies. The OJP provides Federal leadership, funding, training and technical assistance, along with research and statistics, and other critical resources to advance work that strengthens community safety, promotes civil rights and equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and communities.

## **Research, Evaluation, and Statistics**

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics appropriation provides grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for research, development, and evaluation. It also supports development and dissemination of quality statistical and scientific information necessary to inform policy and programmatic decisions. This appropriation account funds the work of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The FY 2025 Budget requests \$85.2 million for this appropriation, which is \$1.8 million below the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution (CR) level. The FY 2025 Budget request includes \$77.0 million in appropriated funding and a proposed \$8.2 million transfer from the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to support research and evaluation activities related to the First Step Act.

## **Research, Evaluation, and Statistics Set-Aside**

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics set-aside will provide up to \$60.3 million to support research and statistical programs. This discretionary funding set-aside is an important source of funding that allows the BJS to develop and enhance fundamental statistical systems for monitoring the criminal justice system and the NIJ to support research and evaluation designed to identify best practices within the criminal and juvenile justice systems. The FY 2025 Budget request for this set-aside is 2.5 percent of grant funding.

## **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**

The State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriation funds numerous programs that establish and builds partnerships with State, local, and tribal governments, as well as community and faith-based organizations. These programs provide Federal leadership on high-priority criminal justice concerns such as addressing gun violence, promoting collaborative community-based crime reduction efforts, supporting successful reentry into the community, addressing opioid and other substance use through appropriate treatment and diversion programs, advancing efforts to ensure procedural fairness and address systemic bias throughout the justice system. They also focus on identifying and responding to emerging criminal justice and public safety challenges, including violent extremism and hate crimes. The FY 2025 Budget requests \$2.0 billion for the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriation, which is \$407.8 million below

the FY 2024 CR level.

## **Juvenile Justice Programs**

The Juvenile Justice Programs appropriation supports the efforts of State, local, and tribal governments, as well as non-profit and community-based organizations, in implementing effective crime and delinquency prevention programs, which focuses on preventing and responding to youth delinquency, violence and victimization. These programs help States, localities, and Tribes develop effective and equitable juvenile justice systems that create safer communities and empower youth to lead productive lives. The FY 2025 Budget proposes \$407.0 million for this appropriation, which is \$7.0 million above the FY 2024 CR level.

## **OJP – Management and Administration**

The FY 2025 Budget includes \$313.2 million for the OJP Management and Administration (M&A), which is \$17.6 million below the FY 2024 CR level. This funding covers the costs associated with accomplishing the OJP's mission and ensuring sound stewardship of the OJP's grant programs. The OJP's M&A budget provides resources for staffing, rent, telecommunications, information technology, infra-structure, and contractual goods and services.

## **Mandatory Programs**

The OJP also has three existing mandatory programs and is requesting funding for three new mandatory programs to reduce crime, protect the rights of the American people, and enforce Federal law. The existing mandatory programs are the Crime Victims Fund, Domestic Victims of Trafficking Fund, and Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. The new mandatory funding would support Accelerating Justice System Reform, Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, and the Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund.

**Crime Victims Fund (CVF):** The CVF provides formula grants to States and territories to support crime victims' compensation and assistance in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as over 11,000 local victim assistance programs throughout the Nation. Additionally, the CVF funding supports training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants designed to improve the capabilities and capacity of victim service providers. The FY 2025 Budget requests a CVF obligation limitation of \$1.5 billion, which is \$400.0 million below the FY 2024 CR level.

**Accelerating Justice System Reform (AJSR):** The FY 2025 Budget requests \$300.0 million in mandatory funding for the first year of this program, along with an additional \$14.7 billion in mandatory funding over the following nine years. This program will provide State, local, and tribal governments with the tools and resources to prevent violent crime, ease the burden on police so they do not have to respond to non-violent situations that may not require their intervention, and incentivize criminal and juvenile justice system reforms that enhance public safety, while reducing

counterproductive and unnecessary incarceration and disparities. With data-driven insights into the nature of crime and criminal justice system involvement in their jurisdiction, State leaders will be better equipped to focus resources on prevention, diversion, intervention, rehabilitation, and reentry with evidence-based solutions that will more effectively realize the promise of safety and equal justice for all.

**Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund:** The Budget requests \$884.0 million in 2025 and \$4.4 billion over five years in mandatory funding for this grant program. The program will provide States and localities with funding to invest in comprehensive, data-informed strategies to prevent gun crime. This proposal is part of the President's Safer America Plan.

**Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB):** The FY 2025 Budget requests \$133.0 million in mandatory funding for the PSOB Death Benefits Program. The FY 2025 Budget also includes \$34.8 million in discretionary funding to support the PSOB Disability Benefits and Educational Assistance Programs, which is equal to the FY 2024 CR level. The PSOB 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.

**Domestic Victims of Trafficking Fund:** The FY 2025 Budget requests \$7.0 million in mandatory funding for this program, which is funded by assessments on non-indigent persons convicted of certain offenses involving sexual abuse or human trafficking. The request equals the FY 2024 CR level, and supports programs to assist trafficking victims. In FY 2025, the Department anticipates \$2.0 million in collections and a \$5.0 million transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI):** The Budget requests \$150.0 million in mandatory funding in 2025, and \$1.5 billion over 10 years, to supplement the OJP's community violence intervention (CVI) strategy. This initiative was developed to address serious violent crime at the local level by investing in evidence-informed community violence intervention strategies as a vital complement to policing.

#### **FY 2025 Programmatic Priorities:**

##### ***Advance Public Safety, Prevent Gun Violence, and Increase Community Trust***

OJP programs aim to advance public safety, reduce and prevent violence, and foster community trust through effective prevention, intervention, strategic enforcement and reentry programs, while promoting the constitutional, equitable and effective administration of justice. The OJP's investments support collaborative crime prevention approaches building the capacity of law enforcement and residents to partner and co-produce community safety. The OJP's leadership and resources are crucial for supporting targeted community safety strategies aimed at reducing violent crime, especially in communities most impacted by gun violence. The budget request supports a range of new and existing programs, including:

- **Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)**—The Budget requests \$100.0 million in discretionary funds and \$150.0 million in mandatory funds in 2025 and \$1.5 billion over 10 years for CVIPI, in addition to the \$50.0 million provided as part of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022. This initiative was developed to address serious violent crime at the local level by investing in evidence-informed community violence intervention strategies as a vital complement to policing.
- **Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund**— The Budget requests \$884.0 million in mandatory funds in 2025, as part of a five-year commitment totaling \$4.4 billion to create a new grant program. This program will provide States and localities with comprehensive resources for investing in law enforcement and crime prevention. Additionally, this Fund will invest in modern, data-informed strategies to prevent gun crime. The Fund will also provide dedicated resources to build upon and expand proven OJP programs, including Crime Gun Intelligence Center sites, the National Public Safety Partnership, and the National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab.
- **Daniel Aderl Judicial Privacy and Security Act**—The FY 2025 budget requests \$10.0 million to support a new grant program that would assist State and local governments in preventing the disclosure of personal information of Federal judges, retired Federal judges, and their immediate family members.
- **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne JAG)**— The Budget requests \$524.5 million for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) appropriation in FY 2025, a decrease of \$246.3 million below the annualized FY 2024 Continuing Resolution level. This reduction is primarily due to the elimination of \$229.6 million in Congressionally-directed spending on one-time projects. Despite the overall decrease to the Byrne JAG appropriation, the net request results in a modest increase to the level of funding available to support JAG formula grant awards to state, local and tribal governments.

##### ***Accelerate Justice System Reforms That Promote Community Safety and Well-Being, Equity and Justice for All***

The criminal and juvenile justice systems play a crucial role in protecting communities and seeking justice for victims; however, the system has often failed to live up to its potential. Lack of trust in and equitable access to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies hampers the Department's ability to collaborate with those impacted by violent crime and victimization and form meaningful partnerships on crime and public safety issues impacting communities.

The Administration and the Department are committed to addressing the underlying issues of inequity and disparity in the justice system, promoting systemic reforms that break the cycles of system involvement and offering increased opportunities for individuals returning from incarceration. The President's Budget requests additional funding to support both new and existing programs aimed to help deliver safety, equity, and justice for all, including:

- Accelerating Justice System Reform— The Budget requests \$300.0 million in 2025 mandatory funding and \$15 billion over 10 years to provide State, local, and tribal governments with the tools and resources to prevent violent crime, ease the burden on police by reducing their involvement in non-violent situations that may not merit police intervention, and incentivize reforms in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. These reforms enhance public safety, while reducing counterproductive and unnecessary incarceration and disparities within the criminal and juvenile justice systems. (Discussed above under mandatory programs.)
- Modernization of HIV-Related Criminal Statutes— The FY 2025 Budget requests \$10.0 million for a grant program focused on educating justice and other allied professionals about the public health and public safety implications of current State HIV-related criminal statutes and determining steps to modernize those statutes to follow current evidence and best practices.
- Deaths in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA) Implementation Assistance Program—The FY 2025 Budget requests \$5.0 million to establish the DCRA Implementation Assistance program. This new discretionary grant program will provide funding to State Administering Agencies (SAAs). The funds specifically support staff and systems to aid in collecting and reporting DCRA data, and to enable SAAs to provide subawards to local and State entities supporting their needs.
- Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program— The FY 2025 Budget requests \$15.0 million to support the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program, an increase of \$5.0 million above the FY 2024 CR level. This discretionary grant program assists States in improving the reporting of hate crimes and providing assistance to victims and witnesses affected by hate crimes. The \$5.0 million increase will enable the OJP to scale up its efforts to address several key gaps in State, local, and tribal capacity to report and respond to hate crimes.
- Collaborative Reform for Juvenile Justice Initiative— \$3.0 million is requested for a new program designed to provide focused training and technical assistance. This will support States and localities that are facing serious issues in their juvenile justice systems and need crisis intervention to address specific emergency situations and/or stabilize their juvenile justice system.
- Missing and Exploited Children— The FY 2025 Budget requests \$106.0 million for the Missing and Exploited Children Program, reflecting an increase of \$1.0 million above the FY 2024 CR level. This increase will improve support to programs that expand and improve the justice system response to the complex issues surrounding missing and exploited children and their families.
- Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCAA) - Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Program— The FY 2025 Budget requests \$44.0 million for the VOCAA Program, reflecting an increase of \$3.0 million above the FY 2024 CR level. This funding will allow OJP to expand its VOCAA Children's Advocacy Centers National Subgrant Program to increase the number of accredited local Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the country and enhance the services provided by existing accredited CACs, and includes the development of a national tribal training and technical assistance program.

***Ensure Rights, Access to Services and Resources, and Equity for All Victims of Crime***

In 2022, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, only 42 percent of violent victimizations were reported to police and victims received assistance from a victim service provider in only nine percent of violent victimizations. The Department remains committed to collaborating with and supporting State, local, and tribal criminal and juvenile justice systems in providing trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally relevant responses to the needs of victims of crime while preventing re-traumatization by the justice system. The OJP's Crime Victims Fund (CVF) programs expand the accessibility and variety of high-quality services, resources, and information for victims' rights available for all victims of crime. Financed by collections of monetary penalties stemming from Federal crimes, the CVF provides millions of dollars annually for victim compensation and assistance programs throughout the Nation, and other capacity-building programs designed to enhance service providers' ability to support and assist victims of crime.

The FY 2025 Budget requests a \$1.5 billion obligation limit for the CVF. At this level, the Fund will provide a stable and reliable funding source for programs serving victims of crime through formula grants to States, training and technical assistance to victim service organizations, and competitive awards that support new and innovative victim service programs.

Of the amount requested for FY 2025, up to \$75.0 million (up to five percent) of the CVF obligation limitation will be devoted to Tribal Victim Services Grants to enhance services for American Indian and Alaska Native victims of crime. A further \$5.0 million will go to the Office of the

***Transform the Juvenile Justice System into One That Is Effective and Equitable, Treats Children as Children, and Empowers Youth to Lead Healthy, Productive Lives Free from Crime and Violence***

Research has consistently shown that youth incarceration leads to long-term negative health outcomes, increases the chances of re-incarceration, and compounds socioeconomic and psychosocial health risks in vulnerable youth populations. The OJP is committed to expanding the use of developmentally-appropriate, culturally-responsive and evidence-informed prevention programs and strategies. These efforts reduce the chances of involvement in the juvenile justice system, strengthen protective factors and advance community safety. This includes promoting State and local juvenile justice practices informed by science and research, ensuring that young people are adjudicated fairly and provided with better opportunities to transition into a safe and healthy adulthood. In FY 2025, OJP seeks support for a new juvenile justice program to assist States facing serious crises in their juvenile justice systems:

Inspector General to support the oversight and auditing of any crime-victim related program, grant, or services.

Separately, the President's Budget also includes a legislative proposal to take effect in 2026 that replenishes and reforms the CVF in order to maintain critical resources to support crime victims. First, the proposal provides a \$7.3 billion appropriation to the CVF over five years to replenish the balance of the Fund. This amount is based on an analysis of amounts derived from criminal cases resolved by either a non-prosecution agreement or deferred prosecution agreement in the five years prior to enactment of the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021 that were not deposited to CVF—an effort to restore amounts that would have otherwise been allocated to support victims but for the use of an alternative case resolution mechanism. Second, the proposal supports CVF programs through an annual \$2.0 billion appropriation (starting in 2026) that would be drawn from the Fund rather than an annual obligation cap.

### ***Advance Science and Innovation to Guide Policy and Practice***

OJP programs are helping to improve knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through research and scientific innovation. They support rigorous and inclusive research, informing efforts to promote safer communities by translating findings into actionable guidance for field implementation. In addition, OJP programs are helping strengthen data infrastructure, promoting continuous accountability and improvement in justice system operations and informing public policy decisions. The FY 2025 President's Budget requests additional funding to support programs building the necessary evidence base for developing more effective and equitable public safety and justice system programs and policies, including:

- Research, Development, and Evaluation Set-Aside—The FY 2025 Budget proposes supplementing existing research by setting aside 2.5 percent discretionary funding, which will generate approximately \$60.3 million in FY 2025.

### **Program Funding Adjustments:**

**Discretionary Program Changes:** The FY 2025 Budget proposes a net discretionary decrease of \$400.8 million below the FY 2024 CR level.

- The FY 2025 Budget proposes funding decreases totaling \$487.8 million, including: a \$246.3 million reduction to Byrne Justice Assistance Grants carveout programs, which is primarily due to the elimination of \$229.6 million in Congressionally-directed spending on one-time projects; \$2.0 million reduction to DNA Programs; \$3.0 million reduction to White Collar and Internet Crimes Prevention; \$0.5 million reduction to Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act; \$2.0 million reduction to Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA); and \$234.0 million reduction for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.