



**SUPPORTING STATE AND
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
\$1.012 billion in Total Resources**

Overview

The President's FY 2009 budget for the Department of Justice contains over \$1.012 billion in discretionary grant assistance for state, local, and Tribal governments including funding for the creation of four new, competitive grant programs. The number of grant programs is reduced from over 70 to 4. These discretionary programs will provide states, localities, and Tribes with considerable flexibility to address the most pressing problems facing communities today: violent crime, domestic violence, and crimes against children.

The latest numbers from the FBI's 2007 semi-annual uniform crime report are encouraging, though preliminary and subject to change when the final numbers are released later this year. The report suggests that violent crime remains near historic low levels. Some communities, however, continue to face violent crime challenges. While these challenges vary widely throughout the country, the Department is committed to assisting our state and local partners in combating violent crime wherever it exists.

In order to allow for greater flexibility to target resources where they can be most effective within the DOJ mission and in line with the President's Executive Order, the Department's budget request eliminates all earmarks from state and local grant programs; there were over 1,500 earmarks totalling over \$675 million in the FY 2008 appropriations act.

In addition to the \$1.012 billion in the Justice Department's budget, the Administration has continued its commitment to state and local governments by providing the Department of Homeland Security \$2.2 billion to fund grants, exercises, and other assistance in FY 2009.

The following information summarizes the \$1.012 billion in funding which is directed to supporting state and local law enforcement. More detailed information is available in the President's Budget and agency budget submissions.

New Grant Programs

Office of Justice Programs

- **Violent Crime Reduction Partnership Initiative: \$200 million in total funding** for this new initiative. This funding will be used to help communities suffering from high rates of violent crime to address this problem by forming and developing effective multi-jurisdictional law enforcement partnerships between Federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies. Through a competitive grant process, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides funding and technical assistance to communities seeking to establish partnerships to investigate and reduce violent crime—including efforts to address drug trafficking and criminal gang activity which contribute to many violent offenses. This \$200 million builds upon the \$75 million in funding awarded in FY 2007 for the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership.
- **Byrne Public Safety and Protection (Byrne) Program: \$200 million in total funding** for this new program. This initiative will consolidate OJP's most successful discretionary grant program to help state, local, and Tribal governments develop programs appropriate to the particular needs of their jurisdictions. Through a competitive grant process, OJP will assist state, local, and Tribal governments in addressing a number of high-priority concerns, such as: (1) reducing violent crime at the local levels through the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative; (2) addressing the criminal justice issues surrounding substance abuse through drug courts, residential treatment for prison inmates, prescription drug monitoring programs, methamphetamine enforcement and lab cleanup, and cannabis eradication efforts; (3) promoting and enhancing law enforcement information sharing efforts through improved and more accurate criminal history records; (4) improving the capacity of state and local law enforcement and justice system personnel to make use of forensic evidence and reducing DNA evidence analysis backlogs; (5) addressing domestic trafficking in persons; (6) improving and expanding prisoner re-entry initiatives; (7) improving services to victims of crime to facilitate their participation in the legal process; and others. Non-governmental entities will also be eligible for funding under this program.
- **Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program: \$185 million in total funding** for this new program. This initiative consolidates existing juvenile justice and exploited children programs, such as the Internet Crimes Against Children, into a single, flexible grant program. Through a competitive discretionary grant process, OJP will assist state, local, and Tribal governments in addressing multiple child safety and juvenile justice needs. These include reducing incidents of child exploitation and abuse, including those facilitated by the Internet, improving juvenile justice outcomes, and addressing school safety needs.

Office On Violence Against Women

- **Violence Against Women Grants: \$280 million in total funding** for this new program. This initiative will consolidate all the Violence Against Women programs into one new flexible, competitive grant program, creating a new structure that can address multiple domestic violence needs. The grant consolidation will allow grantees to request funding through a single application to support activities previously authorized under multiple programs hereafter to be incorporated as eligible purposes within the new consolidated grant program. The Office on Violence Against Women administers financial support and technical assistance to communities around the country that are creating programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. OVW has implemented three strategies that are intended to meet the issues of ending violence against women and provide substantial outcomes: enhancing collaboration, measuring effectiveness, and maintaining a sustainability focus.

Other Key Programs:

Office of Justice Programs

- **Regional Information Sharing System (RISS): \$34.2 million in total funding** for RISS. This funding will be used to provide increased intelligence and forensic services for state and local law enforcement. RISS is comprised of six regional intelligence centers operating in geographic regions that include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. These regional centers facilitate and encourage information sharing and communications to support member agencies' investigative and prosecution efforts by providing state-of-the-art investigative support and training, analytical services, specialized equipment, secure information sharing technology, and secure encrypted e-mail and communication capabilities to over 6,000 municipal, county, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies nationwide. RISS' ATIX (Anti-terrorism Information Exchange) is designed to provide limited access to RISS.net to non-traditional groups of users in order to secure interagency communication, information sharing, and dissemination of threat information.
- **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS): \$53 million in total funding** for this OJP bureau which collects and analyzes statistical data on crime, criminal offenders, and the operations of justice systems at all levels of government. BJS also provides financial and technical support to state governments to develop capabilities in criminal justice statistics, improve criminal history records, and implement crime identification technology systems.

- **National Institute of Justice: \$34.7 million in total funding** for this OJP bureau, which supports research and development programs; conducts demonstrations of innovative approaches to improve criminal justice; develops and tests new criminal justice technologies; evaluates the effectiveness of justice programs; conducts research on crime and justice issues; and disseminates research findings to practitioners and policymakers.
- **Crime Victims Fund: \$590 million for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to continue to provide Federal leadership in assisting victims of crime and their families.** OVC provides formula grants to the states to support victim compensation and assistance programs across the Nation. OVC also provides training for diverse professionals who work with victims, develops and disseminates publications, supports projects to enhance victims' rights and services, and educates the public about victim issues. OVC also enables victims of Federal crimes to participate fully in the criminal justice process. It distributes funds to nonprofit organizations, Federal and military criminal justice agencies, and American Indians and Alaska Natives to support both training for service providers and direct services for victims, including crisis counseling, temporary shelter, and travel expenses incurred in going to court.

Directed Investment Summary

Item	Dollars in Millions
Violent Crime Reduction Partnership	\$200.0
Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program	200.0
Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program	185.0
Violence Against Women Grants	280.0
Regional Information Sharing System	34.2
Bureau of Justice Statistics	53.0
National Institute of Justice	34.7
Crime Victims Fund	[590.0]
All Other Discretionary State and Local Assistance*	25.8
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,012.7

* Includes \$12.747 million for Crime Victims Fund Management and Administration, \$4 million for Community Policing Development and \$9.1 million for Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB).