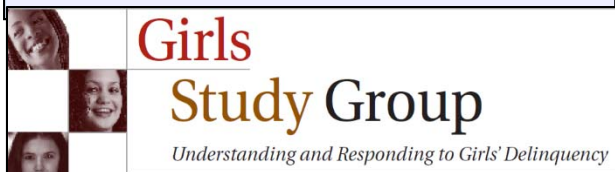


OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
Program Name: Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
(Also known as the National Girls Initiative)

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$2.0M
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No change*

*In FY 2017, this program is requested as a separate line-item appropriation in the budget. In FY 2016, the program was a carve-out of the Delinquency Prevention Program.



Program Description

Purpose: To provide programming specific to the needs of girls in the juvenile justice system through responses and strategies that consider gender and the special needs of girls, including trauma informed screening, assessment, and care.

Activities are designed to increase knowledge regarding “what works” for girls at risk of involvement or already involved in the juvenile justice system.

The National Girls Initiative provides grants that support community-based prevention and diversion programs for status-offending girls, school-based programs for high-risk elementary and middle-school girls, mentoring programs specifically for girls, girls’ group homes, and dedicated probation officers.

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriations acts

Administering Agency: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

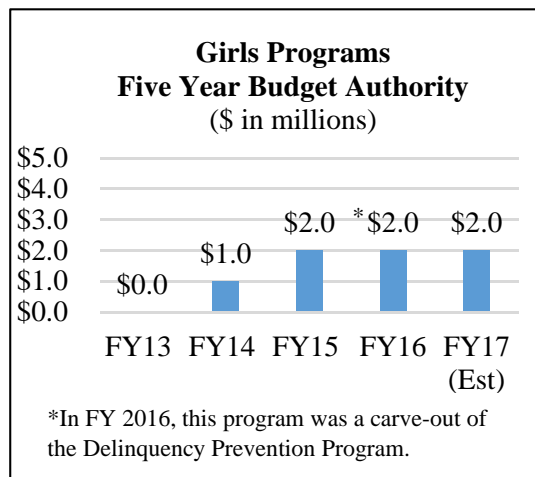
DOJ Strategic Objective 2.2: Prevent and intervene in crimes against vulnerable populations and uphold the rights of, and improve services to, America’s crime victims

Who Can Apply for Funding: States, territories, units of local government, federally recognized tribal governments, nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

How Funds are Distributed: Through a competitive process, awards are made in the form of grants for up to 36 months.

Program Goals: OJJDP supports programs that:

- Integrate family, community, and systems of care (i.e. mental health);
- Promote healing from trauma caused by physical and sexual abuse;
- Promote the personal development of girls’ individual strengths;
- Support on-going, positive relationships between girls and older women; and
- Promote the placement of girls that do not pose a public safety risk in non-residential treatment facilities close to their homes and provide small gender-responsive, culturally competent residential facilities for girls who do pose a public safety risk.



Accomplishments:

Through the National Girls Initiative, OJJDP:

- Made Innovation Awards to three Girls Coalitions (Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance, and the San Francisco Alliance for Girls) to:
 - Collaborate with state juvenile justice specialists, state advisory groups, local governments, and tribal councils to develop community-based, gender-specific, trauma-informed programs for girls in their states and localities;
 - Reduce arrests and detention for girls for status offenses, violation of protection orders or warrants and other technical violations, simple assault, domestic violence, and domestic minor sex trafficking; and
 - Implement gender-specific, culturally-responsive, trauma informed services for girls.
- Created a public/private partnership with the NoVo Foundation to support four additional Girls Coalitions (Hawaii Girls Court, Southwest Key, National Compadres, Pittsburgh Center for Law and Justice).

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: N/A

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$0	\$1.0	\$2.0	*[\$2.0]	\$2.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded^	\$0	\$0.9	\$1.7	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	0	3	8	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	0	3	7	TBD	TBD

*In FY 2016, this program was a carve-out of the Delinquency Prevention Program.

^ Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

For additional information, please visit: [OJJDP Girls Delinquency](#).