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## Title II Formula Grants Program

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), signed into law on September 7, 1974, established the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and created the **Title II Formula Grants program**. In December 2018, the **Juvenile Justice Reform Act** was enacted, reauthorizing and substantially amending the JJDP.

OJJDP's Formula Grants program supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. Within the Formula Grants program **purpose areas**, states can provide job training, mental health and substance use treatment, community-based programs and services, reentry/aftercare services, and school programs to prevent truancy. OJJDP provides funds directly to states to help them implement comprehensive juvenile justice plans based on the needs in their jurisdictions.

To be eligible to receive a **formula grant** under JJDP's Title II, Part B, Formula Grants program, a state must (1) satisfy 33 statutory state plan requirements, (2) designate a state agency to prepare and administer the state's comprehensive 3-year juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plan, (3) establish a **State Advisory Group** to provide policy direction and participate in the preparation and administration of the 3-year plan, and (4) commit to achieve and maintain compliance with the four **core requirements** of the JJDP: deinstitutionalization of status offenders,<sup>1</sup> separation of juveniles from adult inmates, removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, and addressing racial and ethnic disparities.

### Training and Technical Assistance

The **Center for Coordinated Assistance to States** provides resources and training and technical assistance to states and localities as they carry out delinquency prevention, intervention, and juvenile justice system improvement projects.

OJJDP's State and Tribal Relations Assistance Division annual training conference helps participants enhance implementation of the Title II Formula Grants program and support compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP.

### For More Information

Access more information about the Title II Formula Grants program at <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/programs/formula-grants-program>.

<sup>1</sup> A status offender is a juvenile who has been charged with, or adjudicated for, conduct that would not be criminal if committed by an adult.

### Funding

Between fiscal years 2020 and 2022, OJJDP awarded more than \$132.7 million to support state and community efforts to develop effective prevention and intervention programs and to improve the juvenile justice system.

- ▶ **Fiscal Year 2022—\$43.8 million**
- ▶ **Fiscal Year 2021—\$44.5 million**
- ▶ **Fiscal Year 2020—\$44.4 million**

### From the Field

OJJDP's State and Tribal Relations Assistance Division National Training Conference, held in December 2022, brought together Designated State Agency staff, State Advisory Group members, young adults impacted by the juvenile justice system, Tribal partners, and local and national partners to promote collaboration, community building, problem solving, and outcome-driven action in administering Formula Grants.

Session topics included core requirements of the JJDP, compliance monitoring, and data collection and submission. OJJDP Associate Administrator Dr. TeNeane Bradford shared details of ongoing efforts to enhance technical assistance to help states reduce racial and ethnic disparities.



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