

# INFOCUS

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## Title II Formula Grants Program

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), 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 JJDPA.

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 abuse 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 JJDPA'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 JJDPA: 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 Relations and 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 JJDPA.

### 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 2017 and 2019, OJJDP awarded about \$116 million to support state and community efforts to develop effective prevention and intervention programs and to improve the juvenile justice system.

- ▶ Fiscal Year 2019—\$37.7 million
- ▶ Fiscal Year 2018—\$43.1 million
- ▶ Fiscal Year 2017—\$35.2 million

### From the Field

In 2019, OJJDP held its second national training **conference** in Kansas City, MO. Sessions focused on key provisions under the **Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018**, including implementing an effective system of monitoring for compliance with the JJDPA.

Approximately 200 participants engaged in discussions, panels, and workshops to enhance implementation of the Formula Grants program.

Joseph Vignati, with the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, commented on how the conference was beneficial: "Through this conference, I've not only been able to find out things that have helped my state move forward and help kids and their families, but to help me grow professionally."



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