



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$27.4 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Justice to fund core law enforcement needs, safe and secure prisons, and other Federal, State, and local programs. This includes:
 - Providing new resources in support of the Now is the Time initiative to ensure that those who are not eligible to purchase or possess guns are prevented from doing so;
 - Funding to enhance criminal history records information, improve required inspections of licensed firearms dealers, and continue the Comprehensive School Safety Program;
 - Continuing strong support for law enforcement components focused on national security, cyber security, and counter terrorism efforts and reducing illegal trafficking and violent and financial crimes;
 - Reducing the time it takes for the Department to respond to legal assistance requests from foreign partners and to help develop legally sufficient requests, thereby improving the Department's ability to support foreign partners in investigating and prosecuting criminals;
 - Investing in efforts to combat and respond to violent crimes against women; and
 - Improving reentry initiatives by expanding Second Chance Act programs and working to reduce recidivism rates by providing drug treatment, increasing alternatives to incarceration, and strengthening family and parental ties.

Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative:

- Through the Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative, supports:
 - Targeted investments in State and local justice assistance grants, including additional resources for the Comprehensive School Safety Program and a new youth investment initiative;
 - Additional resources for infrastructure and personnel at Federal prisons to speed-up the process of bringing on-line newly completed or acquired prisons; and

- o Additional funding for investigating and prosecuting the full spectrum of financial fraud, helping to protect investors, consumers, and taxpayers.

Reforms:

- Supports the Administration's Smart on Crime initiative by providing dedicated funding to the United States Attorneys for Prevention and Reentry Coordinators, while improving reentry initiatives by expanding Second Chance Act programs and reducing recidivism rates by expanding drug treatment.
- Ensures that Federal funds flow to evidence-based activities by making additional resources available for alternatives to incarceration, gun safety initiatives, police hiring, and other initiatives to improve the targeting and effectiveness of grant assistance.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for enforcing laws and defending the interests of the United States, protecting the public against foreign and domestic threats, providing Federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime, punishing those guilty of unlawful behavior, and ensuring the fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans. The Budget supports these commitments and continues the progress that has been made in key areas.

The Budget provides \$27.4 billion for DOJ in 2015, \$122 million above the 2014 enacted level. In addition, the Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative includes funding for targeted investments for State and local justice assistance grants, including the Comprehensive School Safety Program, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program, and a new youth investment initiative that will encourage State efforts to increase the availability of alternatives to incarceration, re-enroll youth into school after confinement, and reduce ethnic and racial disparities in the juvenile justice system. The Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative also provides additional resources for the Bureau of Prisons for infrastructure and personnel to continue the process of bringing on-line newly completed or acquired prisons, thereby reducing prison overcrowding, and for improved capacity for financial fraud enforcement at the Department, including hiring additional criminal prosecutors, civil litigators, investigators, and forensic accountants.

Enforces Laws and Protects U.S. Interests

Supports Now is the Time by Improving Law Enforcement's Ability to Implement and Enforce Gun Safety Measures. To protect American communities from gun-related violence and mass shootings, \$182 million is provided to DOJ to help Federal, State, and local law enforcement continue to combat gun violence. These funds will support additional background checks, allow for continued focus on inspections of federally-licensed firearms dealers, improve tracing and ballistics analysis, and keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals and other prohibited persons. Of this amount, \$13 million is provided to the FBI for investment in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Promotes Cybersecurity Initiatives. Cyber threats are constantly evolving and require a coordinated and comprehensive plan for protection and response. The Budget identifies and promotes cross-agency cybersecurity initiatives and priorities, including improving cybersecurity information sharing while protecting individual privacy and civil liberties and enhancing State and local capacity to respond to cyber incidents. The Budget also supports the design of a Federal Cyber Campus to co-locate key civilian cybersecurity agencies to promote a whole-of-Government approach to cybersecurity incident response.

Preserves the Integrity of Digital Communications and Accelerates Legal Assistance. In order to better assist foreign government partners with investigating and prosecuting criminals, the Budget provides an additional \$24 million to implement a strategy to reduce the current backlog of Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty requests, cut overall response times in half by the end of 2015, and process requests in a matter of weeks.

Maintains Safe and Secure Prison Capacity. The Budget proposes \$8.4 billion for Federal prisons and detention facilities. These funds are provided to maintain secure, controlled detention and prison facilities and to continue bringing newly completed, or acquired, prisons online to protect public safety by alleviating prison overcrowding. Further, the Budget includes resources to support implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act in Federal, State, and local prisons and jails and to help inmates successfully transition back into the community.

Combats Financial Fraud, Promotes Innovation, and Protects Civil Rights. Ensuring honest and fair competition and protecting the rights and property of citizens are paramount to the economy and American competitiveness. The Budget maintains support to investigate and prosecute financial and mortgage fraud, and counter intellectual property crimes. In addition, the Budget proposes enhancements to ensure the protection of civil rights, including enforcing Federal prohibitions against racial and ethnic discrimination.

Improves the Way Federal Dollars are Spent

Supports the Smart on Crime Initiative and Enhances Reentry and Recidivism Initiatives. In August of last year, the Attorney General introduced the Smart on Crime initiative, which is designed to promote fundamental reforms to the criminal justice system that will improve public safety, save money, and ensure the fair enforcement of Federal laws. The Budget strongly supports the Smart on Crime

initiative, including \$15 million for prisoner reentry programs and for Prevention and Reentry Coordinators in United States Attorneys' offices. The Budget also supports assisting inmates with reentering society and reducing the population of individuals who return to prison after being released, including \$15 million for the Bureau of Prisons to expand the Residential Drug Abuse Program at the Federal level and \$14 million in the Office of Justice Programs to expand the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program at the State and local level. In addition, through State and local assistance programs, the Budget provides \$115 million for the Second Chance Act Grant program to reduce recidivism and help ex-offenders return to productive lives.

Addresses the Immigration Case Backlog. To help increase efficiency in the immigration courts, the Budget provides enhancements to the Executive Office for Immigration Review to add 35 new immigration judge teams, expand the successful Legal Orientation Program, and establish a pilot program to implement additional efficiencies in the immigration court system.

Supports Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis. Evidence and rigorous evaluation of budget, management, and policy decisions are essential to ensuring that Americans are receiving the maximum value for each Federal dollar spent. The Budget invests \$1.7 million to develop new multidisciplinary program evaluation and policy analysis capability within the Department. The objective is to strengthen analysis of the potential impact of policy options and then track and monitor implementation of policy decisions.

Invests in State and Local Public Safety Initiatives that Work

Expands Gun Safety Initiatives and Works to Prevent Mass Casualty Violence. The Budget includes \$147 million to help State and local governments continue implementing the Administration's proposals for increasing firearms safety and supporting programs that help keep communities safe from mass casualty violence. Included in these initiatives

are \$75 million for the Comprehensive School Safety Program, \$55 million in grants to improve the submission of State criminal and mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, \$15 million to improve police officer safety, and \$2 million to develop better gun safety mechanisms to prevent the use of firearms by unauthorized users.

Renews Efforts to Promote Juvenile Justice and Fight Youth Violence. The Budget proposes \$299 million for the Department's Juvenile Justice Programs and includes evidence-based investments to prevent youth violence. This includes \$18 million to fund the Community-Based Violence Prevention Initiative and \$4 million for the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention. Further, the Budget makes available \$23 million for research and pilot projects focused on developing appropriate responses for youth exposed to violence.

Continues Efforts to Combat Violence Against Women. The Budget provides \$423 million to reinforce efforts to combat and respond to violent crimes against women. This includes \$193 million for Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Grants to Combat Violence Against Women, \$27 million for the Sexual Assault Services Program, and \$11 million to reduce violent crimes against women on campuses. The Budget also provides \$35 million for a new grant for communities to develop plans to address their untested sexual assault kits at law enforcement agencies or those backlogged at crime labs. These grants play a critical role in helping to create a coordinated community response to this problem. As a result of prior investments in this area, civil and criminal justice systems are more responsive to victims, and crimes of violence committed against women have declined in recent years. Even so, reducing such violence and meeting the needs of the almost 1.3 million women victimized by rape and sexual assault annually, and the nearly seven million victims of intimate partner violence each year, remains a critical priority.

Promotes Community Policing. The Budget includes \$274 million to support evidence-based community policing in the Nation's local law enforcement agencies. Of the amount provided, \$247 million is for the hiring and retention of approximately 1,300 police officers and sheriffs' deputies across the United States. To help ensure the safety and security of tribal partners, \$35 million of the total is set aside for Tribal Law Enforcement.

Promotes Fair and Equal Treatment in the Justice System. The Budget invests in several programs to promote access to justice and to build community trust, including \$24 million for indigent defense and civil legal aid initiatives and \$9 million to establish a National Center for Building Community Trust and Justice, which will promote procedural fairness in policing, use deterrence strategies to reduce crime, and encourage police departments to track the quality of their interactions with the public.

Prioritizes Evidence-Based Practices that Work at the State and Local Level. The Budget bolsters the Administration's efforts to ensure that more Federal grant funding flows to evidence-based activities that work in State and local criminal justice. The Budget increases set-asides for research, evaluation, and statistics; couples the formula Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant programs with competitive incentive grants that provide "bonus" funds to States and localities that adopt evidence-based practices, strategies, and programming that incorporate outcome driven performance measures; expands the Pay for Success initiative, which leverages philanthropic and private dollars to fund services up front, with the Government paying after they generate results; adopts a more evidence-based, data-driven use of competitive grant funds; and invests in the expansion of *CrimeSolutions.gov*, a "what works" clearinghouse for best practices in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.