

OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) was established by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, Public Law 93-415, as amended. Located within the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP provides national leadership, coordination and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile offending and child victimization. OJJDP accomplishes its mission by supporting states, local communities and tribal jurisdictions in their efforts to develop and implement effective, multidisciplinary prevention and intervention programs and improve the capacity of the juvenile justice system to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and provide treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of individual juveniles and their families.

OJJDP sponsors a broad array of research, program and training initiatives, and disseminates accurate, up-to-date information about juvenile justice issues. These activities are carried out by the five organizational components described below:

Office of the Administrator

The Office of the Administrator (OA) establishes OJJDP's priorities and policies, oversees the management of the office's divisions, and fosters collaboration with federal, state and local agencies and associations that share OJJDP's commitment to preventing and combating juvenile delinquency and addressing the problem of missing and exploited children.

State Relations and Assistance Division

The State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD) provides funds to help state and local governments achieve the system improvement goals of the JJDP Act, combat underage drinking, implement delinquency prevention programs, address disproportionate minority contact and support initiatives to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions. SRAD also supports and coordinates community efforts to identify and respond to critical juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs.

Child Protection Division

The Child Protection Division (CPD) develops and administers programs related to crimes against children and children's exposure to violence. It provides leadership and funding in the areas of enforcement, intervention and prevention. CPD's activities include supporting programs that promote effective policies and procedures to respond to the problems of missing and exploited children, Internet crimes against children, abused and neglected children, and children exposed to domestic or community violence.

Demonstration Programs Division

The Demonstration Programs Division (DPD) provides funds to public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to develop and support programs and replicate tested approaches to delinquency prevention, treatment and control in areas such as mentoring, substance abuse, gangs, truancy, chronic juvenile offending and community-based sanctions. DPD also supports and coordinates efforts with tribal governments to expand and improve tribal juvenile justice systems and develop programs and policies that address problems facing tribal youth.

Office of Policy Development

Office of Policy Development (OPD) assists the OJJDP administrator in coordinating national policy on juvenile justice. OPD advises the administrator on policy and legal issues and how OJJDP can best accomplish its mission. OPD also provides leadership and direction for OJJDP's research and training and technical assistance efforts and oversees the agency's communications and planning activities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, individuals or combinations thereof.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Planning, research, program development, demonstration, replication, training and technical assistance, evaluation and information dissemination.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Varies.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Varies.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Contact OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse for more information (see "Contact" information below).

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Varies.

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