



## Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

### FY 2023 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2022 President's Budget - Discretionary:	\$2.972 billion (707 positions, 34 Attorneys)*
FY 2023 Budget Request - Discretionary:	\$3.407 billion (827 positions, 38 Attorneys)*
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Discretionary:	+\$435.0 million (+14.6%) (+120 positions, 4 Attorneys)
FY 2022 President's Budget - Mandatory:	\$2.848 billion
FY 2023 Budget Request - Mandatory:	\$2.833 billion
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Mandatory:	-\$15.0 million (-0.5%)

\*includes \$8.190 million proposed transfer from the Bureau of Prisons.

#### Mission:

The mission of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is to provide leadership, resources, and solutions for creating safe, just, and engaged communities.

#### Organization:

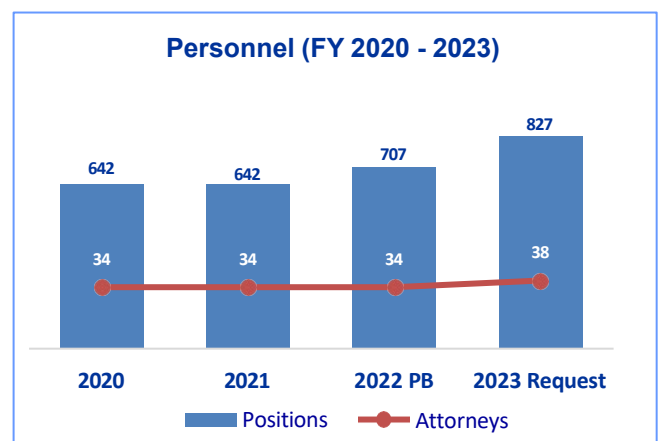
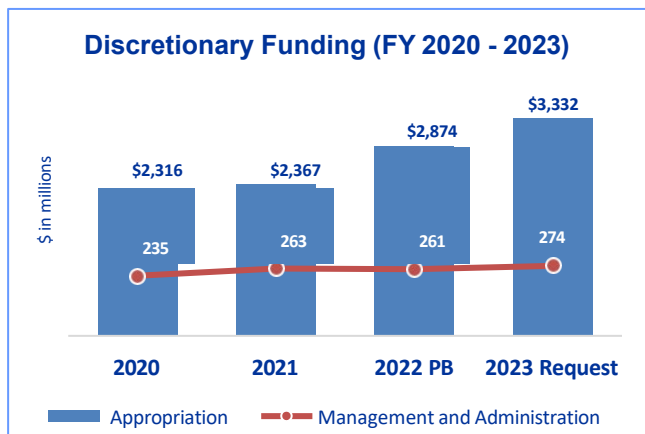
The OJP is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who sets programmatic priorities for the agency and ensures the goals of the Administration, and the Department are supported. The AAG is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. All other OJP program office heads are presidentially appointed. The OJP has six program offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

#### Resources:

The FY 2023 budget request for the OJP totals \$3.332 billion in discretionary funding, \$458.2 million (or 15.9 percent) above FY 2022 President's Budget and 27.5 percent above the Enacted level. The OJP also requests \$2.833 billion in mandatory funding, which is \$15.0 million (or 0.5 percent) below FY 2022 President's Budget and 3.8 percent above the Enacted level.

#### Personnel:

The OJP's direct authorized positions for FY 2023 total 827 positions, which is 120 positions above the FY 2022 President's Budget (707 positions).



## **FY 2023 Strategy:**

The OJP accomplishes its mission by providing Federal leadership to advance work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. The OJP works in partnership with the justice community to identify the most pressing crime-related challenges. The OJP and its offices promote programs and research that deliver improved outcomes for communities. The OJP promotes a unified, efficient, and fair response to crime and public safety threats through partnerships with law enforcement, courts, justice practitioners and professionals, victims' services agencies, and community and faith-based organizations involved in crime prevention, civil rights enforcement, and victims' services efforts.

### **Research, Evaluation, and Statistics**

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics appropriation provides grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for research, development, and evaluation. It also supports development and dissemination of quality statistical and scientific information. This appropriation account funds the work of the NIJ and the BJS. The FY 2023 Budget requests \$96.2 million for this appropriation, which is \$10.2 million above the FY 2022 President's Budget request. This includes a proposed \$8.1 million transfer from the Federal Bureau of Prisons to support research and evaluation activities related to the First Step Act.

### **Research, Evaluation, and Statistics Set-Aside**

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics set-aside will provide up to \$80.3 million to support research and statistical programs. This discretionary funding set-aside is an important source of funding that allows the BJS to develop and enhance fundamental statistical systems to monitor the criminal justice system and the NIJ to support research and evaluation designed to identify best practices within that system. The FY 2023 Budget request for this set-aside is 2.5 percent of grant funding.

### **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**

The State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriation funds programs that establish and build on partnerships with State, local, and tribal governments, as well as community and faith-based organizations. These programs provide Federal leadership on high-priority criminal justice concerns such as promoting community-based crime reduction efforts, supporting successful reentry into the community, addressing opioid and substance abuse through appropriate treatment and diversion programs, promoting efforts to ensure procedural fairness and address systemic bias throughout the justice system, and identifying and responding to emerging criminal justice and public safety challenges, such as violent extremism. The FY 2023 Budget requests \$2.518 billion, which is \$469.0 million above the FY 2022 President's Budget request.

### **Juvenile Justice Programs**

The Juvenile Justice Programs appropriation supports the efforts of State, local, and tribal governments, as well as non-profit and

community organizations, to implement effective crime and delinquency prevention programs, implement effective and innovative juvenile justice programs, ensure fairness and equitable treatment for all juveniles in contact with the justice system, and effectively address crimes against children and young people. The FY 2023 Budget proposes \$760.0 million for this appropriation.

### **OJP – Management and Administration**

The FY 2023 Budget includes \$274.2 million for the OJP Management and Administration (M&A), which funds the costs associated with accomplishing the OJP's mission and ensuring sound stewardship of the OJP's grant programs. The OJP's M&A budget provides resources for staffing, rent, telecommunications, information technology infrastructure, and contractual goods and services.

### **Mandatory Programs**

The OJP also has four key mandatory programs to reduce crime, protect the rights of the American people, and enforce Federal law.

**Crime Victims Fund (CVF):** The CVF provides formula grants to States and territories to support crime victims' compensation and assistance in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as over 11,000 local victim assistance programs. The CVF funding also supports training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants designed to improve the capabilities and capacity of victim services providers throughout the Nation. The FY 2023 budget requests a CVF obligation limitation of \$1.75 billion, which is \$900.0 million below the FY 2022 President's Budget request.

**Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund:** The FY 2023 Budget proposes to create a new grant program to provide states and localities with \$884.0 million (or \$4.4 billion over five years) to invest in law enforcement and crime prevention.

### **Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB):**

The FY 2023 Budget requests \$192.0 million in mandatory funding for the PSOB Death Benefits Program. The FY 2023 Budget also includes \$34.8 million in discretionary funding for the PSOB Disability Benefits and Educational Assistance Programs. These amounts are equal to the FY 2022 President's Budget request. The PSOB programs provide benefits to survivors of public safety officers killed or fatally injured in the line of duty and to public safety officers permanently disabled by injuries suffered in the line of duty.

**Domestic Victims of Trafficking Fund:** The FY 2023 Budget requests \$6.5 million in mandatory funding for this program, which is funded by assessments on non-indigent persons convicted of certain offenses involving sexual abuse or human trafficking. This funding supports programs to assist trafficking victims. In FY 2023, the Department assumes \$1.5 million in collections

and a \$5.0 million transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services.

## **FY 2023 Priority Programs:**

*Advance Justice System Reforms to Promote Community Safety and Well-being, Equity, and Justice for All*

The criminal and juvenile justice systems play a crucial role in protecting communities, seeking justice for victims, and translating the rule of law into the real world at the State, local, and tribal levels. However, the system has often failed to live up to its promise and the Department's ability to effectively address crime and public safety challenges depends on building trust and legitimacy. The FY 2023 President's Budget prioritizes funding to address the underlying issues of inequity and disparity in the criminal and juvenile justice systems and promote systemic reform. The FY 2023 budget request supports a wide range of new and existing programs to address these issues, including:

- Accelerating Justice System Reform— \$300.0 million to provide State, local, and tribal governments with additional resources to accelerate justice system reforms that prevent crime and foster community trust. This program will be supported with a total of \$15.0 billion, with \$300.0 million in discretionary resources in FY 2023, and then \$14.7 billion in mandatory resources beginning in FY 2024;
- Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success— \$15.0 million for a new program to aid justice-system-involved youth in setting aside (i.e., expunging, sealing, or vacating) their records to bolster reentry success;
- Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Collaboration Initiative— \$30.0 million for a new program that will assist communities in assessing the issues regarding dual status youth and implementing strategies to address their complex needs and provide effective services;
- Children Exposed to Violence Awareness and Intervention Initiative— \$30.0 million carveout under the Delinquency Prevention Program to support expanded efforts to raise awareness about the impact, both immediate and long-term, that exposure to violence has on children and youth, increase understanding of that exposure by restarting the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence, and promote, evidence- and school-based approaches to addressing youth violence and victimization; and
- Girls in the Juvenile Justice System— \$20.0 million to reduce risk factors and promote protective factors for girls who encounter the juvenile justice system, and places them on a path toward success through evidence- based prevention and intervention programs.

*Strengthen Public Safety, Prevent Gun Violence, and Increase Community Trust*

After seeing declines in violent crime rates in recent years, gun-violence, particularly homicide, rose in 2020. In large cities, homicides rose 30 percent and gun assaults rose eight percent. The staggering toll of gun violence continues to disproportionately impact

communities of color, both directly and indirectly. The President's Budget

requests additional funding to support new and existing programs that help communities' evidence-based approaches to reduce crime and improve public safety, including:

- Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund— \$884.0 million in mandatory funding, as part of a five-year commitment of \$4.4 billion to create a new grant program, which will provide States and localities with comprehensive resources to invest in law enforcement and crime prevention.
- Community Violence Intervention— \$250.0 million to provide funding and support to communities to plan, develop, implement, and expand community violence intervention programs that apply localized approaches to reducing violence; and
- Project Safe Neighborhoods— \$40.0 million to expand the nationwide initiative that identifies the most pressing state and local violent crime problems and develops comprehensive strategies to address and prevent them.

*Counter the Rise in Hate Crime through Support for Communities, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Agencies in Collaborative Efforts*

In recent years, this Nation has experienced renewed public discussion and activism focused on concerns that the criminal justice system fails to treat all individuals equally under the law. The FY 2023 Budget invests in established and new hate-crimes focused grant programs, including continued support for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act program.

- Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Grants Program— \$10.0 million to promote collaborative approaches by State, local, and tribal law enforcement, and prosecution agencies to engage those at risk for hate crimes; educate criminal justice practitioners and the public on identifying, reporting, and responding to hate crimes and incidents; and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes;
- Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program— \$5.0 million for a new program to assist State, tribal and local law enforcement agencies to enhance their ability to report hate crimes and incidents by implementing and enhancing their reporting of incident-based crime in the National Incident-Based Reporting System and help States to create State-run hate crime reporting hotlines or enhance existing victim hotlines to address the needs of hate-crimes victims; and
- Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention Initiative— \$5.0 million for a new program that will focus on at-risk youth, youth in contact with the juvenile justice system, and victims of hate crimes and support training and technical assistance to assist grantees and support the expansion and distribution of a universal hate crime prevention and

intervention curriculum for youth.

*Ensure Rights, Access, and Equity for All Victims of Crime*

The Department remains committed to working with State, local, and tribal criminal, and juvenile justice systems to provide trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally competent responses to the needs of victims of crime and preventing further victimization by the justice systems. The Crime Victims Fund (CVF) is financed by collections of fines and penalties stemming from federal crimes and provides millions of dollars annually for victim compensation and assistance programs throughout the nation, and other capacity-building programs designed to enhance service providers' ability to support victims of crime.

Due to the recent decline in the balance of the Fund, the President's Budget proposes to reduce the CVF obligation limitation to \$1.75 billion in FY 2023. This reduced obligation cap level will prevent the depletion of the Fund in FY 2023. In addition, the FY 2023 President's Budget eliminates the funding transfer to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) that has been included as part of the CVF appropriations language in recent years. The elimination of this transfer will provide more victim assistance and compensation dollars to the states, and more support for grant programs to address issues such as improving the accessibility of services to victims in underserved communities and expanding hospital-based services to crime victims.

Of the amount requested for FY 2023, up to \$87.5 million (up to five percent) of the CVF obligation limitation will be devoted to Tribal Victims Services Grants to improve services for tribal victims of crime; \$50.0 million will be for the Victim Advocate Program, and \$10.0 million will be for the Office of the Inspector General to support the oversight and auditing of any crime-victim related program, grant, or services.

*Advance Innovation and the Use of Science, Research, and Statistics*

Science should be central to policymaking, and this budget supports policy and funding decision-making based on strong science. Therefore, the FY 2023 President's Budget requests additional funding to support the statistical, research, and evaluation programs that will build the evidence base needed to develop more effective and equitable public safety and justice system programs and policies, including:

- Justice Assistance and Research, Development, and Evaluation Programs—\$88.0 million, including \$2.0 million for research on violence against American Indians and Native Alaskans at extractive industry sites, for the National Institute of Justice; and
- Research, Development, and Evaluation Set-Aside—To supplement existing research and statistical activities, the FY 2023 Budget requests that the discretionary funding set-aside be 2.5 percent, which will generate approximately \$23.2 million above the FY 2022 President's budget request.

**Program Funding Adjustments:**

**Discretionary Program Changes:** The FY 2023 Budget proposes a net discretionary increase of \$360.0 million above the FY 2022 President's Budget.

- The FY 2023 Budget proposes funding increases totaling \$480.0 million for the following programs:
  - \$300.0 million for a new Accelerating Justice System Reform Initiative;
  - \$160.0 million for the Community Violence Intervention Initiative;
  - \$20.0 million for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program;
  - \$1.0 million for the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Grants Program;
  - \$5.0 million for the new Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program;
  - \$5.0 million for a new Youth-Focused Hate Crime Prevention and Intervention Initiative;
  - \$30.0 million for the new Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Collaboration Initiative;
  - \$15.0 million for the new Eliminating Records-Related Barriers to Youth Success Program;
  - \$12.0 million for the Children Exposed to Violence Awareness and Intervention Initiative;
  - \$5.0 million for the Girls in the Juvenile Justice System Program; and
  - \$2.0 million for research on violence against American Indians and Alaskan Natives at extractive industry sites.
- The FY 2023 Budget proposes funding decreases totaling \$120.0 million, including:
  - a \$93.0 million reduction to Part B Formula Grants;
  - \$2.0 million elimination of the one-time funded study on lethality assessment programs;
  - \$10.0 million from the Youth-Focused Community Violence Intervention Initiative, which is consolidated under the larger Community Violence Intervention Initiative; and
  - \$15.0 million from the Legal Representation for Immigrant Children and Families Pilot Program, the activities of which are proposed to be supported through other programs.

**Mandatory Program Changes:**

**Supports State and Local Law Enforcement and Community Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs to Make Our Neighborhoods Safer.** The Budget provides \$3.2 billion in discretionary resources for State and local grants and \$30 billion in mandatory resources to support law enforcement, crime prevention, and community violence intervention programs administered by COPS and OJP.