

options. The program will promote arts education, recreation, job skills training, and business entrepreneurial programs for after-school and weekend hours at the community level. This program will fund up to five applications at up to \$40,000 under OJJDP's Safe Futures Program and up to five competitive sites at up to \$50,000 each for the first year of a 2-year project.

Interested applicants will need to demonstrate that collaboration has taken place with existing arts, education, business and community groups, and youth-serving agencies in the development of its program, including, where appropriate, collaboration with existing after school and weekend youth programs. The Pathways to Success program is designed to serve at-risk youth from 6 to 18 years of age, but a project need not cover the full age range. Each applicant will be expected to define a lasting outcome, i.e. a product that benefits the community, or to provide an ongoing program that will continue to provide community-based services beyond the end of the funding cycle. OJJDP will also contribute \$200,000 to and will administer the Pathways to Success Program.

Non-Competitive

Truancy Reduction Training and Technical Assistance—\$200,000

BJA will collaborate with the OJJDP to address the needs of truants, dropouts, children afraid to go to school, children who have been suspended or expelled, as well as children in the juvenile justice system. Program activities include regional hearings, training and technical assistance, and related support services for communities interested in comprehensively addressing the needs of these youth. OJJDP will also contribute \$200,000 to and will administer the program.

Boys & Girls Clubs Demonstration—\$4,350,000

BJA will provide resources to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to promote the establishment of Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing and other at-risk communities.

Children At-Risk Program—\$1,150,000

This program tests a variety of intervention strategies for preventing and controlling illegal drugs, gun use, and related crime and for fostering healthy development among young people from drug- and crime-ridden neighborhoods. In FY 1995, an impact evaluation, technical assistance with emphasis on community policing, and existing demonstration sites will be

continued. This program is joint venture between BJA, OJJDP, and the Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse, with additional funding provided by several foundations. OJJDP will contribute \$350,000 to the program.

Comprehensive Gang Initiative—\$150,000

Under the Comprehensive Gang Initiative, BJA developed a model comprehensive approach to gang issues that carefully balances initiatives for prevention, intervention, and suppression. In FY 1995, BJA will provide continuation funding for the four currently funded projects and provide technical assistance to help other jurisdictions experiencing emerging gang problems. OJJDP will contribute \$600,000 to this joint BJA/OJJDP effort.

Violence Reduction

Reduce the Availability of Illegal Weapons and Develop Programs to Address Violence in Our Communities, Homes, Schools, and Workplaces

Efforts to reduce and prevent violence continue to be high priorities in FY 1995. BJA's efforts will include the continuation and expansion of programs to reduce the availability of illegal firearms, prevent homicides, and reduce violence in our communities.

In FY 1993 and 1994, BJA began to address the increase in gun violence and homicides through the initiation of a Firearms Licensee Compliance Program, the establishment of a Firearms Investigative Task Force Program, the creation of a Homicide Task Force, and other initiatives. These programs will be expanded and built upon in coordination with the U.S. Attorneys' Anti-Violence and Youth Handguns Initiatives to assist State and local criminal justice agencies and communities control and prevent street violence.

BJA will also continue its focus on domestic and relational violence. According to the Surgeon General, the number one public health risk to adult women in the United States is violence. For women ages 15-44, violence is the leading cause of injuries. The nature and prevalence of this problem has been dramatized by recent news events. BJA developed a new initiative in FY 1993 to address violence against women, including spouse abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, and stalking. This initiative promotes a systems approach which emphasizes criminal prosecution with comprehensive case follow-through. This demonstration program will be evaluated and

documented this year to provide guidance to the States as they implement the Violence Against Women Block Grant Program created by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

New initiatives will be implemented to address the growing problem of violence in the workplace and to create a National Major Gang Task Force to track and respond to the growing interaction between street and prison gangs. BJA will also participate in a public/private partnership against violence in America which is a joint effort among private and corporate foundations and several Federal agencies to help local communities address violence.

Competitive

Homicide Investigation Enhancement Program—\$300,000

The purpose of this program is to develop a model(s) to assist jurisdictions faced with high and increasing rates of homicides by increasing their capacity and ability to investigate homicides. One or two demonstration sites will implement this model(s) and its various procedures and policies as appropriate to their situation. The development of the model(s) will be based on the Homicide Investigation Enhancement Program at the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), District of Columbia. This program, funded in FY 1994, assisted the MPD in restructuring its Homicide unit and its operations. In addition, ways to utilize the resources and expertise of the Federal law enforcement agencies, like the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshal's Service, will be explored. The Police Executive Research Forum will develop this model(s) and provide technical assistance to the demonstration sites.

Firearms Trafficking Program—\$1,000,000

The purpose of the BJA Firearms Trafficking Program, working in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, is to demonstrate effective strategies to reduce the level of violent crime by controlling the illegal trafficking of firearms. The goals of the program are to: (1) Reduce the number of Federal firearms licensees and ensure that those who do obtain licenses have a legitimate reason for doing so, and (2) reduce the level of firearms-related violent crime in the demonstration sites. Applicants may address either of the two program goals set forth for this program or develop a strategy which combines both of the