

Institute for Intergovernmental Research.

Training in Anti-Drug Activities and Cultural Differences Involving Illegal Aliens—\$125,000

This project will, through a collaborative effort between the International Association of Chiefs of Police and INS, continue to present a series of training seminars to local law enforcement officers that will enable them more effectively to investigate crimes involving criminal aliens.

Evaluation, System Improvement, and Information Dissemination

Evaluate the Effectiveness of Funded Programs, Disseminate Results, and Enhance the Ability of Criminal Justice Agencies To Use New Information Technologies

The primary purpose of the programs in this program area is to determine "what works" in crime control/prevention and criminal justice system improvement and to disseminate that information to practitioners throughout the country. BJA will continue to work with the National Institute of Justice to support the evaluation of BJA-funded Discretionary and Formula Grant Programs. BJA will also continue to support the building of an evaluation capacity at the State and local levels to increase the quality and quantity of programs funded with formula grant and local resources.

Dissemination of the evaluation results is accomplished through the BJA Clearinghouse and Response Center, conferences, publications, technical assistance, and training.

The other important purpose of this program area is to enhance the capacity of State and local criminal justice agencies to share intelligence information and to use information system technology.

Non-Competitive

Evaluation—\$1,500,000

This program will be implemented by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) which will evaluate several BJA funded programs and then disseminate information to States and local jurisdictions on "what works" against crime and violence. Additionally BJA and NIJ will convene a national conference on "Evaluating Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Initiatives."

Operational Systems Support Training and Technical Assistance—\$1,000,000

This program will continue to provide training and technical assistance on criminal justice information

management, the use of microcomputer technology among criminal justice agencies, and the operational benefits of technology. An award will be made to SEARCH Group, Inc.—the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics.

Federal/State/Local Partnership Conference—\$200,000

This project will enable BJA to hold a conference with State and local governmental and criminal justice officials to discuss issues related to crime and violence in America.

Technical Assistance and Training to State and Local Criminal Justice Agencies—\$1,500,000

This program will provide training and technical assistance to States, local, and Native American Indian jurisdictions in developing and implementing comprehensive strategies. It also encourages States to include the programs and strategies developed through BJA's Discretionary Program in their State violent crime and drug control strategies developed under the Formula Grant Program.

Peer Review Services—\$150,000

Applications submitted to BJA in response to a competitive program announcement are reviewed by a panel of independent experts who have experience and expertise in the subject area. A Peer Review Services contract provides administrative support and pays the expenses of the reviewers.

Department of Justice Response Center and BJA Clearinghouse—\$1,139,000

This program supports the BJA Clearinghouse which serves as an information and dissemination source for the criminal justice field. BJA is also responsible for the management of the Department of Justice Response Center, which provides timely and accurate information on Department of Justice initiatives.

Report Publication and Dissemination—\$200,000

This allocation enables BJA to produce and disseminate information to the criminal justice field about state-of-the-art programs and activities to improve the criminal justice system through publications and other media materials (e.g., brochures, pamphlets, videos, and updating electronic bulletin boards).

Regional Information Sharing Systems—\$14,500,000

The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) program is composed of

six regional projects that share intelligence and coordinate efforts of State and local law enforcement against criminal networks that operate in many locations across jurisdictional lines. In FY 1995, all RISS projects will enhance gang and firearms intelligence, provide linkages within RISS and outreach linkages to other systems, and assist the U.S. Attorneys antiviolence initiative.

National White Collar Crime Information Center—\$1,400,000

The National White Collar Crime Center takes the lead in multi-State investigations of white collar crimes including but not limited to: Investment fraud, telemarketing fraud, securities fraud, boiler room operations, and advanced fee loans.

Immediate Response to Emerging Problems—\$1,500,000

This program will provide BJA the resources to respond quickly to emerging problems or target "hot spot" areas by providing programs, training, and/or technical assistance to State and local criminal justice agencies.

Automated Speech Recognition—\$200,000

BJA will provide an award to Advanced Solutions Group of South Carolina to develop automated speech storage and retrieval software and automated speech recognition for input into database fields, in order to reduce the time that law enforcement officers devote to preparing incident reports and to fulfilling other reporting requirements.

State and Local Evaluation Capacity Building Initiative—\$1,000,000

Technical assistance and training will be provided by the Justice Research and Statistics Association to State and local agencies responsible for implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and developing reporting mechanisms for violent crime and drug control programs implemented under the Byrne Formula Grant Program.

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Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Final Comprehensive Program Plan for Fiscal Year 1995 and Notification of the Availability of the FY 1995 Competitive Discretionary Assistance Program and Application Kit

Introduction

The Nation's juvenile justice system stands at a crossroads. We are faced with a disturbing increase in violent