



OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Innovation • Partnerships • Safer Neighborhoods



Mission

The Mission of OJP is to increase public safety and improve the fair administration of justice across America through innovative leadership and programs. OJP strives to make the nation's criminal justice and juvenile justice systems more responsive to the needs of state, local and tribal governments and their citizens. It partners with federal, state, and local agencies, and nation and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, to develop, operate, and evaluate a wide range of criminal and juvenile justice programs.



OJP COMPOSITION

- OJP is comprised of 5 Bureaus and 2 Program Offices:
 - National Institute of Justice
 - Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - Bureau of Justice Statistics
 - Office for Victims of Crime
 - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
 - Community Capacity Development Office
 - Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking



NIJ

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of OJP.

NIJ provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to enhance the administration of justice and public safety.

NIJ solicits grant applications to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice.



BJA

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

BJA's overall goals are to (1) reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and (2) improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

To achieve these goals, BJA programs emphasize enhanced coordination and cooperation between federal, state, and local efforts.



BJS

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) collects, analyzes, publishes, and disseminates information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government.

These data are critical to federal, state, and local policymakers in combating crime and ensuring that justice is both efficient and evenhanded.



OJJDP

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization.

OJJDP supports states and communities in their efforts to develop and implement effective and coordinated prevention and intervention programs and to improve the juvenile justice system so that it protects public safety, holds offenders accountable, and provides treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families.



OVC

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) works to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims.



CCDO

The Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) works with local communities to design strategies for deterring crime, promoting economic growth, and enhancing quality of life.

Operation Weed and Seed is a community-based initiative that encompasses an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.



SMART

The mission of the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) is to assure that convicted sex offenders are prohibited from preying on citizens through a system of appropriate restrictions, regulations, and internment.

The SMART Office provides guidance to states, local governments, and tribal governments on the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The office is also responsible for providing grants and technical assistance.



OJP PROGRAM PLAN

- The Program Plan outlines pending grant funding opportunities (solicitations) that will be awarded based on Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 appropriations.
- OJP has issued this Program Plan to give constituent groups a single comprehensive guide to current funding opportunities and the latest agency initiatives. The Program Plan includes both competitive and noncompetitive grants, opportunities for training and technical assistance, and other resources available to the justice community.
- Programs of interest to law enforcement include Byrne/JAG, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration, Reentry, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), Rural Law Enforcement program, Southern Border program, Second Chance Act Mentoring Program, and several others.
- In FY 2009, OJP made 8,229 grant awards to state and local law enforcement and community organizations, totaling more than \$5 billion. In accordance with the Obama Administration's efforts to increase federal government transparency, OJP posted a list of all 8,000-plus awards at www.ojp.gov/funding/09grantawards.htm.



AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

- OJP awarded 3,883 awards under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) totaling more than \$2.7 billion.
- Grants awarded under ARRA included Byrne-JAG, Byrne Competitive, Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement, Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), Victim Compensation and Assistance, and Internet Crimes Against Children Initiatives
- The Recovery Act clearly states, "every taxpayer dollar spent on our economic recovery must be subject to unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability." In accordance with this objective, Section 1512(c) of the Recovery Act established a quarterly reporting requirement that applies to recipients of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Recovery Act awards. Quarterly Section 1512 (c) reports must be submitted through <https://www.FederalReporting.gov>.
- Last year, Alabama was awarded 103 awards totaling \$37 Million. \$30 Million was awarded under the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program.



KEY OJP PROGRAMS

- Justice Assistance Grant Program
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- Drug Courts
- G.R.E.A.T
- Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Prisoner Reentry
- Public Safety Officers Benefits Program
- National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
- Tribal Courts Assistance Program
- State Crime Victim Compensation
- State Crime Victim Assistance
- Weed and Seed
- DNA initiative



WEED AND SEED STRATEGY BASICS

- Weed and Seed strategies are designed to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug related activity, and gang activity in designated Weed and Seed Communities.



WEED AND SEED STRATEGIES CONT.

WEEDING

- Activities which promote and coordinate a broad spectrum of community efforts to arrest, and to sanction or incarcerate, persons in that community who participate to engage in violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and other crimes that threaten the quality of life in that community.

SEEDING

- Activities which promote and coordinate a broad spectrum of community efforts to provide human services and community revitalization efforts.



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- CCDO sponsors numerous training throughout the year. The cost of Technical Assistance is paid through the CCDO Budget and is free to WSC, Graduated Sites, and approved unfunded sites.
- Sites will have to pay for travel to trainings or conferences out of their grants.



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONT.

- Regional trainings on various topics are provided throughout the year
- Announcements for trainings can be found on the CCDO website
- Additional resources are available through our TA providers
- Program Managers can provide assistance in identifying appropriate TA resources



CURRENT TA PROVIDERS

- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
- National Crime Prevention Council
- Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Winston Salem State University
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation



CCDO Special Programs & Partnerships





CCDO'S PARTNERSHIP VISION

To dramatically expand the level of public and private partnership models that build and sustain local capacity to create safer, thriving communities.



RE-ENTRY

- Weed and Seed sites have large numbers of returning offenders who are likely to re-offend without coordinated reentry efforts through judicial, correctional, and law enforcement supervision.
- Reentry programs can satisfy both the “weeding” and “seeding” sides a site’s strategy. Funding can be used to manage and supervise the returning offender populations as well as to develop support services.
- CCDO strongly recommends sites consider dedicating a some of their resources to implement a focused reentry effort.



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN: CPTED

- The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has delivered ten CPTED trainings to Weed and Seed sites across the country.
- The trainings included an overview of crime prevention; safe/unsafe surroundings; basic CPTED principles; lighting; landscaping; and traffic issues.
- NCPC will provide CCDO with a final report outlining the progress as well as the final action plans for each site.



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN: CPTED

- Examples of CPTED strategies reviewed during the training included:
 - Strategy Development
 - Overcoming barriers
 - Program implementation
 - Utilization of ordinances and laws
 - Outcome measurement
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FAITH BASED INITIATIVE

- CCDO encourages all sites to collaborate with faith-based and community groups as they build coalitions and partnerships to prevent crime and strengthen neighborhoods.
- CCDO's efforts in this area are a part of a broader DOJ strategy. DOJ's [Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#), which is itself a response to the White House faith-based initiative, encourages the full participation of faith-based and community groups in applying for government grants and cooperative agreements.
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/welcome.html>)
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AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE AFFAIRS

- The [Tribal Justice and Safety Web site](#) is a newly launched Department of Justice resource for American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and communities. It will also help the general public and other federal agencies to better understand the resources available for improving safety in Native American communities.
- Serves as a single source of information about courts, corrections, law enforcement, crime statistics, crime prevention, legal and other public safety issues.



AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE AFFAIRS

- The website provides a resource for tribal communities to solicit information about how the Department can meet their informational, training, and funding needs.
- www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/
- Economic Development Initiative
- Oweesta Corporation
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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE CENTERS (VITA)

- CCDO and the [Internal Revenue Service](#) (IRS) partnered to launch Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Centers since 2005 to promote asset development for low-income individuals and families.
- The centers help people learn about the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC), which can help Weed and Seed families receive as much as \$4,400 per year.
- In 2007 the total Aggregate Earned Income Tax Credit for the 102 Active W&S VITA totaled \$11,000,000
- The EITC and other programs can help a family open a bank account, purchase a car, or make a down payment on a house.
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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

- CCDO is partnering with the HHS, Administration for Children and Family, [Office of Community Services](#) (OCS) to enhance asset-building strategies in 17 Weed and Seed sites through Individual Development Accounts (IDAs).
- IDAs combined with financial literacy and Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) can increase the capacity of low- to moderate-income families to accumulate long-term assets that provide financial security.
- IDAs promote savings and provide an incentive by matching 2 to 1 every dollar saved by qualifying families.
- Assets accumulated through IDAs may be used to purchase a home, start a business, or pursue higher education. In the case of CCDO's IDA Project, the designation is for homeownership only.
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FINANCIAL LITERACY

- CCDO and the [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation](#) (FDIC) are partnering to provide the [Money Smart](#) financial literacy training program to all Weed and Seed sites.
- Money Smart helps adults outside the financial mainstream to enhance their skills with money and to create banking relationships in Weed and Seed sites across the country.
- Combined with other asset building strategies such as Earned Income Tax Credits, Homebuyer Education, and Individual Development Accounts, financial literacy can help families move out of poverty and stabilize neighborhoods.
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U.S. NAVY: DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH(DEFY)

- CCDO and the [U.S. Navy](#) have partnered to offer [Drug Education for Youth](#) (DEFY) programming in Weed and Seed sites.
- DEFY targets youth ages 9 to 12 and focuses on building protective factors and reducing risk factors that contribute to substance abuse, school failure, delinquency, and violence.
- DEFY runs summer camps, encourages mentoring and parent/guardian engagement, and helps with follow-up placement in further programming.
- Sites can use up to \$10,000 of grant funds for DEFY
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SITE SPECIFIC TA REQUESTS

- Site specific TA is designed to help improve the organization, management, and elements of a site's strategy and implementation plan. CCDO has a variety of experienced TA providers.
- TA is free to all designated Weed and Seed communities, unfunded sites, and graduated sites.



WHERE TO GO FOR GRANTS AND INFORMATION:

www.grants.gov

www.ojp.usdoj.gov

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding



OJP GRANTS 101

- *OJP Grants 101* is now available on the OJP website at www.ojp.gov/grants101
- This is a new online resource for prospective grantees. *OJP Grants 101* features step-by-step guidance on how to apply for funding.
- *OJP Grants 101* provides:
 - an overview of the OJP grant process for competitive and non-competitive programs
 - Tips on how to find funding opportunities and write strong applications
 - A description of the application review process; and
 - Links to other resources, including the OJP Financial Guide and sample application materials.



Where to go for further information:

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