



## U.S. Department of Justice FY 2017 Budget Request

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST**

**+\$129 Million in Increases,  
Including \$123 Million in State, Local and Tribal Programs**

#### **FY 2017 Overview**

Building trust and nurturing legitimacy on both sides of the police/citizen divide is the foundational principle underlying the nature of relations between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. The public confers legitimacy only on those whom they believe are acting in procedurally just ways. In addition, law enforcement cannot build community trust if it is seen as an occupying force coming in from outside to impose control on the community.

Through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and other components, the department is making good on its pledge to provide law enforcement with access to the tools and support they need to do their jobs as safely and effectively as possible. With the launch of its National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, the department is striving to strengthen the partnerships between community members and law enforcement professionals at every level of government.

At the same time, through the President's Community Policing Initiative, the department is taking a range of steps to improve the way it equips our law enforcement agencies, to invest in body-worn cameras and cutting-edge training, and to better facilitate broad-based community engagement. Through the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, the department is bringing law enforcement leaders and experts together to provide strong, national direction on a scale not seen in nearly half a century. And going forward, the department intends to continue to use every tool at its disposal to enhance its capacity to combat crime while restoring public trust.

The President's Budget includes \$129.4 million in increases to further the efforts the department and its state and local law enforcement partners have made to build and sustain community trust.

#### **FY 2017 Program Increases**

##### **Supporting the President's Community Policing Initiative**

Law enforcement culture should embrace a guardian—rather than a warrior—mindset to build trust and legitimacy both within agencies and with the public. Toward that end, law enforcement agencies should adopt procedural justice as the guiding principle for internal and external policies and practices to guide their interactions with rank and file officers and with the citizens they serve. The FY 2017 Budget includes increases of \$62.5 million above the FY 2016 enacted level for a total of \$97.0 million to advance the President's Community Policing Initiative.

## Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- **Smart Policing Program:** The Budget includes a **\$15.0 million** increase for a total of \$20.0 million for this program to reduce and prevent crime and improve police-citizen communications and interactions. Local law enforcement agencies will develop effective and economical solutions to specific crime problems within their jurisdictions. Participating agencies and their research partners will identify crime issues and develop strategies and tactics to resolve or mitigate the problem -- resulting in smarter policing and safer neighborhoods. Of the total, \$10.0 million will be used for a Body Worn Camera (BWC) Problem-Solving Demonstration Program to build knowledge on the use of BWCs as a key component of comprehensive, community-based problem solving strategies. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this program is \$5.0 million.
- **Body Worn Camera (BWC) Partnership Program:** The Budget includes an increase of **\$7.5 million** for a total of \$30.0 million to provide matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments that cover up to half of the cost of purchasing body worn cameras. Agencies receiving these awards will be subject to a 50 percent matching requirement and may include costs for data storage infrastructure to support BWC systems as part of their matching contribution. In FY 2016, this program was funded at \$22.5 million.
- **Procedural Justice – Building Community Trust:** The FY 2017 Budget includes **\$20.0 million** to facilitate community and law enforcement engagement and to implement and test strategies to enhance procedural justice, reduce implicit bias, and support racial reconciliation in 10 pilot sites.

## Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

- **Collaborative Reform:** **\$20.0 million** is requested as a separate line-item for this program for a total of \$20.0 million. The Collaborative Reform Initiative enables the COPS Office to partner with law enforcement agencies that may need assistance on a wide variety of criminal justice issues that range from use-of-force practices, to the deployment of crisis intervention teams, to building trust with the communities served. The program provides assistance to agencies in enhancing and improving their policies and procedures, systems, and culture. This program has been implemented in Las Vegas, Nevada and is currently operating in Spokane, Washington; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Fayetteville, North Carolina;; Salinas, California, Calexico, California; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and St. Louis County, Missouri. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this initiative is \$10.0 million as a set-aside within the COPS Hiring Program. This request would establish it as a line-item and increase its funding to \$20.0 million.

## **Improving Police-Community Relations and Advancing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Principles**

The law enforcement community has an essential obligation – and a unique opportunity – to ensure fairness, eliminate bias, foster strong police-community relationships, and build community engagement and trust between the criminal justice system and the people it serves. It also needs to have access to information to tailor its efforts to the needs of the communities it serves. The 2017 Budget includes \$25.0 million to further such initiatives.

### **Community Relations Service**

- **Law Enforcement Community Reconciliation Initiative: \$1.7 million and 13 positions** are requested for the development and implementation of racial reconciliation and restorative justice programs that address the lack of mutual trust between minority communities and law enforcement agencies. There are no current services for this program.
- **Law Enforcement Organizational Change Initiative: \$600,000** is requested to fund short-term consultative, training, and technical assistance to 10 local law enforcement agencies who are party to potentially violent, public safety degrading conflicts with minority communities. FY 2017 current services for this program are \$200,000.
- **Research and Training Development: \$1.2 million and 2 positions** are requested to conduct research and development, social science research, publishing of best practices materials, evaluating performance measurement and training curriculum which focuses on building collaborative efforts between law enforcement and the communities they serve. There are no current services for this initiative.

### **Civil Rights Division**

- **Policing and Criminal Justice: \$2.7 million and 24 positions** is requested to enhance the Civil Rights Division's work encompassing a wide range of cases involving the rights of children and people with disabilities who interact with police and the justice system. The current services for this initiative are 80 positions (57 attorneys) and \$17.1 million.

### **Office of Justice Programs (OJP)**

- **NCS-X Implementation:** The FY 2017 Budget requests a new **\$10.0 million line-item** to support the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NSC-X), which will collect and report nationwide incident-based crime statistics that will inform the development and evaluation of crime control policies at the national, state, tribal and local levels. Approximately 6,300 of the nation's roughly 18,000 law enforcement agencies participate in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NCS-X seeks to recruit a sample of 400 additional law enforcement agencies into NIBRS to allow for the production of nationally-representative estimates of crimes known to the police that can be disaggregated by victim-offender characteristics, the circumstances of the event, victim-offender relationship, and other important elements of criminal events.

- **National Training Institute to Improve Police-Based Responses to People with Mental Illness: \$7.5 million.** A total of **\$7.5 million** is requested to establish an institute of excellence to improve police-based responses to people with mental illness, thereby improving both community and officer safety.
- **The Children of Arrested Parents Initiative: \$1.3 million** will provide funds to help state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies test model policies that improve their agencies' response to the needs of children and families who come in contact with law enforcement.

### **Funding Community Policing Officers**

Community policing emphasizes working with neighborhood residents to co-produce public safety. The FY 2017 Budget will increase the number of community police officers working with residents to identify crime problems particular to their neighborhoods and collaborating with them on implementing solutions that produce meaningful results for the community. This will build on the investment already made by this Administration in hiring or retaining over 10,000 officers through 2015. The 2017 Budget includes \$42.0 million to further such initiatives.

### **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

- **COPS Hiring Program (CHP): \$42.0 million** is requested for a total of \$229.0 million. The COPS Office will be able to advance several important initiatives with this increase. First, COPS will use a portion of these resources to fund more community policing officers. Second, \$5 million will be used for a new incentive grant program to improve diversity in law enforcement. Third, a \$10 million increase is included for COPS' Community Policing Development (CPD) Program. The CPD enhancement will allow the COPS Office to expand research, demonstration, and micro-grant projects that promote changes in American law enforcement and bolster funding for its Community Oriented Policing Management Education and Development (COP-MED) Initiative, whose aim is to establish a cadre of practitioners with advanced skills and knowledge of community policing principles. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this initiative is \$187.0 million.

**FY 2017 Program Increases Summary**  
**Amounts in (\$000s)**

Component/Initiative	Amount
<b>Community Policing Initiative:</b>	
Office of Justice Programs	\$42,500
Community Oriented Policing Services	20,000
<b>Improve Police-Community Relations and Implement the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Initiative:</b>	
Community Relations Service	\$3,431
Civil Rights Division	2,700
Office of Justice Programs	18,800
<b>Community Policing Officers:</b>	
Community Oriented Policing Services	\$42,000
<b>Total, Program Increases</b>	<b>\$129,431</b>

*NOTE: Amounts requested by OJP and COPS for Building Community Trust are also captured in the department's State, Local and Tribal Assistance Fact Sheet.*