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Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: District of Columbia

The District of Columbia's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) serves as the District's federally-mandated state advisory body. The group administers the district's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) funds and provides the Mayor, City Council, and other policymakers with recommendations for improving and supporting the district's juvenile justice system. The JJAG helps determine how funds granted by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) should be expended and reports regularly to the Mayor and City Council on the status of the district's compliance with the four core requirements of the JJDP.¹

The federal allocation of grant funding to D.C. has decreased dramatically in recent years. Nationwide, during the 16 years that the JJDP went unauthorized, **federal juvenile justice funding decreased by nearly 42%**.² In D.C., meanwhile, between FY10 and FY19 alone, the district experienced a 61% reduction in its formula and block grant allocations.³ In FY10 the district received \$281,500 through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. For the past five fiscal years, however, that sum has been zeroed out in the federal budget. The District also received \$84,945 in Title V funding in FY2010. That funding source, however, has been earmarked for non-JJDP purposes in recent years. The lone remaining source of formula and block grant funding, Title II, has also diminished. In FY10, D.C. received \$600,000 in Title II funding. In FY19, that figure had decreased to \$381,000.

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY10:**

\$966,445

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY19*:**

\$381,000

**Decrease of 61% so far
this decade.**

*This number only includes Title II funds; JABG has been zeroed out & Title V funds have been earmarked

¹ The four core requirements of the JJDP are: 1) deinstitutionalization of status offenders, (2) separation of adults and juveniles in secure institutions, 3) jail removal, and 4) reduction of racial and ethnic disparities. Retrieved from http://www.act4jj.org/about_requirements.html.

² Act4JJ. (2020). Juvenile Justice Federal Funding Chart. Retrieved from <https://www.act4jj.org/sites/default/files/ckfinder/files/Historic%20Funding%20Chart%20-%20FY20.pdf>.

³ All numbers are based upon figures reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Grant Awards and Past Solicitations. Retrieved from <https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/funding.html#2>.

Federal Dollars in Action:

Despite the significant decrease in its federal funding, the District of Columbia's Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants continues to dedicate its remaining Title II funding to compliance with the JJDPJA's core protections. Title II dollars fund the JJAG as well as projects focused on delinquency prevention, compliance monitoring, and reduction of racial and ethnic disparities.

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