Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: Idaho

The Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) serves as Idaho’s federally-mandated state advisory body. The group administers the state’s Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) funds and provides the Governor, state legislature, and other policymakers with recommendations for improving and supporting the state’s juvenile justice system. The IJJC 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 Governor and state legislature on the status of the state’s compliance with the four core requirements of the JJDPA.¹

The federal allocation of grant funding to Idaho has decreased dramatically in recent years. Nationwide, during the 16 years that the JJDPA went unauthorized, federal juvenile justice funding decreased by nearly 42%.² In Idaho, meanwhile, between FY10 and FY19 alone, the state experienced a 71% reduction in its formula and block grant allocations.³ In FY10 the state received $416,700 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. Idaho also received $84,945 in Title V funding in FY2010. That funding source, however, has been earmarked for non-JJDPA purposes in recent years. The lone remaining source of formula and block grant funding, Title II, has also diminished. In FY10, Idaho received $600,000 in Title II funding. In FY19, that figure had decreased to $315,000.

¹ The four core requirements of the JJDPA are: 1) deinstitutionalization of status offenders, (2) separation of adults and juveniles in secure institutions, 3) jail removal, and 4) reduction of the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system (disproportionate minority contact, or DMC). Retrieved from http://www.act4jj.org/about_requirements.html.
Federal Dollars in Action:

Idaho currently funds programs centered on ensuring compliance with the four core protections of the JJDPA and addressing the specific needs of the state. Such programs include:

- Gender-specific programming including Girls Circle, Our Girls, Girls Empowered, and Boys Council.
- The Community Incentive Program (CIP) provides resources for services to juvenile offenders. CIP also provides resources to transport providers and/or juveniles and their families to access services.¹
- The Re-Entry Program (REP) provides resources that ensure community safety and reduce juvenile recidivism. The program is designed to fill gaps in local services and resources to support juveniles in their reintegration using personalized transition plans.²

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² Ibid.

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