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Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: Louisiana

Federal Funding Overview

The Louisiana State Advisory Group (SAG) serves as Louisiana's federally-mandated state advisory council. The SAG administers the state's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) funds and provides the governor, state legislature and other policy makers with recommendations for improving and supporting the state's juvenile justice system. The SAG 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 JJDP.¹

The federal allocation of grant funding to Louisiana has decreased dramatically in recent years. Nationwide, during the 16 years that the JJDP went unauthorized, **federal juvenile justice funding decreased by nearly 48%**.² In Louisiana, meanwhile, between FY10 and FY18 alone, the state experienced about a 62% reduction in its formula and block grant allocations.³

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG)

In FY10 the state received \$729,400 through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. Since FY14, that sum has been zeroed out in the federal budget.

Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY10:
\$1.64 million

Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY18:
\$626,481

Decrease of 62% so far
this decade.

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 the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system (DMC). Retrieved from, http://www.act4jj.org/about_requirements.html.

² Act4JJ. (2018). Juvenile Justice Federal Funding Chart. Retrieved from, <http://www.act4jj.org/sites/default/files/resource-files/Historic%20Funding%20Chart%20-%20FY19.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>. Accessed May 29, 2019.

The Title V Local Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program

Louisiana also received \$84,945 in Title V funding in FY10. That funding source, however, has been earmarked for non-JJDPA purposes in recent years.

The Title II Formula Grants Program

The lone remaining source of formula and block grant funding, Title II, has also diminished. In FY10, Louisiana received \$825,000 in Title II funding. In FY18, that figure had decreased to \$626,481, a decrease of 24%.

Even so, Louisiana remains committed to using its increasingly limited federal funding for programs throughout the state that are aimed at ensuring the JJDPA's core protections are carried out. In recent years, the state reports that its **priorities for Title II funds have included mental health programs, delinquency prevention, diversion programs, and indigent defender programs.**

The state also recognizes the **importance of reducing disproportionate minority contact (DMC)** within its systems and has been committed to using Title II funds to help address this issue. Title II funds have helped provide, among other things, training for judges, law enforcement, and juvenile justice personnel. It also helped finance programs that deter at-risk youth away from the judicial system, and has supported local probation programs as well.

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