

FY 2013 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Competitive Grant

- New initiative started in FY2012 as a part of the White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative
- Program should be coordinated with Promise Neighborhoods, Choice Neighborhoods, and Community Health Center grants, or CDFI funds whenever possible
- Targets persistently distress neighborhoods with significant crime challenges that generate a significant portion of the crime in the larger community and impede broader neighborhood development goals
- Distressed neighborhood – has hot spots of high crime (overall or types of crime) combined with poverty, high unemployment, poor health, low performing schools, and limited infrastructure such as housing, social services, and businesses. May also have high number of residents on community supervision, at-risk youth, and people engaged with behavioral and social service agencies.
- Requires a consortium of partners to work together to design a strategy to address the targeted crime problem, one of whom is the fiscal agent/applicant for the grant. Required partners are:
 - Local law enforcement agency
 - Community leaders
 - Research partner
 - Fiscal agent – states, unit of local governments, non-profit organizations
- Program designed to develop or enhance community capacity to mobilize collectively towards a common goal(s), and capacity of organizations and cross-sector partnerships to come together and exchange ideas, plan together, and collaborate on action items
- Successful strategies must commit to accomplishing the following objectives:
 - 1 Identify a neighborhood with a concentration of crime hot spots which have for a period of time composed a significant proportion of crime or types of crime.
 - 2 Identify and build upon existing planning efforts, if any, to revitalize the neighborhood or address issues that relate to the crime issues identified.
 - 3 Enhance a community-based team with the presence of criminal justice, social service, and neighborhood revitalization partners to implement the project.
 - 4 Offer ongoing community engagement and leadership building support and ensure the community is engaged in the process.
 - 5 Collaborate with local law enforcement and a research partner to conduct an analysis of crime drivers and an assessment of needs and available resources.
 - 6 Develop a strategy that offers a continuum of approaches to address the drivers of crime, including potentially, enforcement, prevention, intervention, and revitalization strategies.
 - 7 Establish effective partnerships both to provide solutions along the continuum and commit resources to sustain what works.
 - 8 Implement a comprehensive and coordinated strategy with support from the BCJI TTA provider.
 - 9 Assess program implementation in collaboration with research partners, and plan for sustainment of effective strategies with private and public state, local, and tribal funding
- Program elements
 - Place-based – targets a neighborhood
 - Data-driven problem solving – use data to define the problems, identify evidence-based and innovate strategies, and assess program implementation
 - Community-oriented – active involvement and leadership from neighborhood residents
 - Cost-effective – maximize resources and be sustainable

- Three-year grant period – up to \$1 million
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FY2012 Planning/Implementation Grantees

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Detroit – eastside	Detroit Crime Commission	Special emphasis on reducing violence against youth	\$1,000,000
Lowell, MA – Centralville Friends for Improvement, Revitalization and Enforcement	City of Lowell, MA	Law enforcement activities, community policing initiatives, extracurricular activities for at-risk youth, outreach services, and neighborhood revitalization events	\$900,000
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