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Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: Nevada

The Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) serves as Nevada's federally-mandated state advisory body. The group 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 JJC 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 Nevada 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 Nevada, meanwhile, between FY10 and FY19 alone, the state experienced a 67% reduction in its formula and block grant allocations.³ In FY10 the state received \$531,400 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. Nevada 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, Nevada received \$600,000 in Title II funding. In FY19, that figure had decreased to \$406,333.

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY10:
\$1,216,345**

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY19*:
\$406,333**

**Decrease of 67% 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 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.

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:

Even with the decrease in federal funding, Nevada continues to use its federal dollars for programs aimed at ensuring that the JJDPA's core protections are carried out. This has become increasingly difficult as funding has diminished. Most recently, the state has prioritized the following programs:

- Anger Management Program- This program helps parolees who experience difficulty controlling their anger by providing them with the tools necessary to understand and appropriately deal with their anger.
- Employment Development- This program helps youths aged 18-21 who have little experience in the workforce to develop confidence and gain skills to find and retain jobs.
- Gender-Specific Program- The Las Vegas Youth Parole Office offers gender-specific programming that considers the needs of adolescent girls, teaches positive relationship-building skills, and works to help girls gain confidence.
- Transition Specialist Program Pilot- The goal of this pilot program is to reduce youth recidivism and increase levels of school and community engagement. Eligible youths can access Basic Skills Training (BST), family counseling, and various other community resources to help them develop and maintain strong community ties.

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