
Office of Criminal Justice Services

Role and Overview

The Office of Criminal Justice Services (CJS) core functions are to administer state and federal grants to local grantees, research, and evaluate the effectiveness of criminal justice projects including law enforcement, corrections, courts, and prevention and victim services, manage information systems including Ohio's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS), Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System Repository (OIBRS), Law Enforcement Officer Toolkit, and Ohio Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), implement baseline funding for domestic violence shelters and increase information and initiatives through its Center for Prevention of Family Violence, and develop resources including the design of publications, programs and training based on criminal justice trends and needs. These services are essential to the safety of Ohio citizens and an important asset to the state's criminal justice network. The functions of CJS can be maintained with significant cost savings under the umbrella of the Department of Public Safety. The two agencies together will benefit from the expertise of each agency and increase statewide capacity for criminal justice research and development.

The mission of the Ohio Department of Public Safety is to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available. The services of CJS fit neatly into this mission by compiling essential criminal justice data to quickly provide and share information with law enforcement, court systems, and other criminal justice agencies and foster networking with these agencies regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Grants administered by CJS provide communities with necessary funds to update local criminal justice resources and information. Domestic and family violence grants protect the most vulnerable citizens of Ohio, and provide education for prevention. Finally, constant research and education programs help inform the public on how to keep themselves safe as well as assisting law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies on how to better serve the needs of Ohio.

By merging CJS into a division within the Department of Public Safety, state government is further streamlined for efficiency, while allowing CJS to focus solely on functions and services to further the mission of preserving the safety and well being of all Ohio citizens.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Criminal Justice Services

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	196-401	Criminal Justice Info System	1,406,237	472,457	471,446	489,273	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	196-403	Center for Violence Prevention	199,346	148,080	20,179	18,800	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	196-405	Violence Prevention Subsidy	763,375	677,278	762,229	647,161	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	196-424	Operating Expenses	1,590,069	1,666,290	1,352,863	1,342,293	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	196-499	State Match	28,373	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	196-502	Mandate Assistance	56,070	41,114	124,977	23,591	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	196-505	SOCF Judicial & Defense Costs	0	19,679	36,428	12,919	0	(100.0)	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			4,043,470	3,024,898	2,768,122	2,534,037	0	(100.0)	0	.0
4P6	196-601	General Services	24,081	44,532	93,707	86,500	0	(100.0)	0	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			24,081	44,532	93,707	86,500	0	(100.0)	0	.0
3L5	196-604	Justice Programs	32,494,087	31,572,348	33,922,433	30,311,870	0	(100.0)	0	.0
3U1	196-602	Criminal Justice Federal Programs	2,222,251	31,886	905,891	0	0	.0	0	.0
3V8	196-605	Federal Program Purposes FFY01	4,756,542	2,673,981	254,439	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group			39,472,880	34,278,215	35,082,763	30,311,870	0	(100.0)	0	.0
TOTAL Off of Criminal Justice Svcs			43,540,431	37,347,645	37,944,592	32,932,407	0	(100.0)	0	.0