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Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: South Carolina

The South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (GJJAC) serves as South Carolina'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 policymakers with recommendations for improving and supporting the state's juvenile justice system. The GJJAC 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 South Carolina 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 South Carolina, 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 \$710,600 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. South Carolina 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, South Carolina received \$635,200 in Title II funding. In FY19, that figure had decreased to \$468,671.

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY10:
\$1,430,745**

**Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY19*:
\$468,671**

**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:

Despite this decrease in federal funding, South Carolina continues to use its remaining Title II funds to address the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) core requirement, create and encourage alternatives to detention, reduce racial and ethnic disparities, and comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).⁴ Some of South Carolina's programs aimed at fulfilling these goals include:

- All staff and young people are continuously trained on the importance of cultivating and maintaining safe and healthy community environments free from sexual misconduct and abuse.⁵
- A number of prevention and diversion programs, such as the Auxiliary Probation Officer Program, the Council for Young Boys and Men, the CHOICES curriculum tool, Girl's Circle, Lunch Buddies, Adopt-A-Class, Think Twice, and many more.⁶

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⁴ "Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council 2019 Annual Report." South Carolina Department of Public Safety. Retrieved from <https://scdps.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/ohsjp/jjgp/2019/GJIAC%202019%20Annual%20Report%20to%20the%20Governor.pdf>.

⁵ "Quality and Compliance." South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, State of South Carolina. Retrieved from <https://djj.sc.gov/programs-and-services/quality-and-compliance>.

⁶ Read more about the programs mentioned here and the many other diversion and prevention programs offered by the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice by clicking the following link: <https://djj.sc.gov/programs-and-services/prevention-diversion-programs-alphabetical-order>.