

**Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)  
Statement on Juvenile Justice Appropriations**



Timing is perfect to voice your concerns about federal juvenile justice appropriations, as the Senate and the House consider the fiscal year 2008 (FY2008) Science, State, Justice and Commerce appropriations bills.

Overall, juvenile justice funds have been slashed by nearly 60% in recent years—and the President’s FY2008 budget proposes to zero them out completely and replaces them at a lower level with a discretionary, competitive grant program for states and local jurisdictions, the “Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program,” scheduled at \$254 million (down 25% from \$338.7 million under the continuing resolution for FY07). It remains unclear what the parameters and requirements will be for the new funding stream—and it seems that it may be steered entirely away from core support for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, federal core requirements, State Advisory Groups and State Plans.

**ASAP**, it is critical for you to work with your State Advisory Group and state contacts to:

- 1) Reject the juvenile justice funding proposal in the President’s Budget that creates a new funding mechanism which will direct resources away from core Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act needs;
- 2) Urge the congressional appropriators to restore funding for all critical juvenile justice and delinquency prevention funding streams that support the work of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDNA) in the states: Title II State Formula Funds, Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Grants, Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) and Delinquency Prevention Block Grants (DPBG).

**KEY STREAMS OF FEDERAL JJ FUNDING AS APPROPRIATED (in millions):**

	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07 CR	President’s FY08 proposed	<b>CJJ REQUEST for FY08</b>
<b>Title II State Formula Funds</b>	\$83.3	\$83.2	\$83.3	\$79.2	\$79.2	--0--	<b>\$88.8</b>
<b>Title V Local Delinq. Prevention</b>	\$46.1	\$79.2	\$79.4	\$64.4	\$64.4	--0--	<b>\$95</b>
<b>JABG</b>	\$188.8	\$59.4	\$54.6	\$49.5	\$49.5	--0--	<b>\$250</b>
<b>DPBG</b>	\$126.4 via diff. vehicles	--0--	--0--	--0--	--0--	--0--	<b>\$126.4</b>

**Take action:**

**Let's produce a flood of calls and letters from the states going to the Appropriators in Congress and carrying forward our messages!**

1. See the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Web site for lists of Senate and House Appropriations Committees charged with reshaping juvenile justice funding support: [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org), click on Government Relations and scroll down to "Appropriations."
2. On your State Advisory Group (SAG) letterhead, write to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as the Subcommittees charged creating recommendations for juvenile justice appropriations. Template letters are linked to the CJJ Web site: [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org) –under "Announcements."
3. If you are IN a State/District of a Senator and/or Members on the Appropriations Committees, contact them to voice your concerns and to seek budget restorations (see above); see if you can organize a visit for the April 3-13 recess; demonstrate with clear examples how the cuts will jeopardize the delinquency prevention programs and services in the member's district.
4. If you are NOT IN a State/District of a Congressional Appropriator, contact your Senators and Representatives and ask them to communicate your concerns and requests to their colleagues on the Appropriations Committees.

**Questions?** Please feel free to contact:

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