SPECIAL REPORT:
FY 2015 Department of Justice Budget and California Implications
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
The Budget requests a total budget authority of $30 billion, including a discretionary budget of $27.4 billion to fund core law enforcement needs, safe and secure prisons, and other Federal, State, and local programs.

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
The 2014 Budget requests $1.033 billion for the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, which is a decrease from the FY14 enacted level of $1.172 billion. Within that total funding are the following programs:

- SCAAP - The Budget proposes zeroing out funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. California historically receives about 40 percent of the funding for this program.
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) - The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants program awards grants to state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions, including: law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment programs; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. The FY 2015 Budget proposes $376,000,000 for the program. Of the total requested, $22.5 million is for the matching grant program for law enforcement armor vests, $2 million is for the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training program, $2 million is for a state and local assistance help desk and diagnostic center, $15 million is for VALOR, a program that supports officer safety, $10 million is for an initiative to assist and support evidence-based policing, and $5 million will fund Smart Prosecution Initiatives.
- Byrne Incentive Grants - The 2014 Budget proposes $14 million for this initiative. The program will provide supplementary grants to states and localities using Byrne JAG formula grant funds for evidence-based purposes. These incentive grants are to serve as inducements for states and localities to use formula funds (as well as state and local funds) to implement proven public safety strategies.
- Byrne Competitive Grants - The Byrne Competitive Grants program awards grants to state, local, and tribal government agencies, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and faith-based and community organizations to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system and assist victims of crime. The FY 2014 Budget proposes $14,000,000 for this program.
- Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program - The Budget requests $27 million. Budget documents note that this program is a central component of the Administration's new Promise Zones:
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- **Border Prosecution Initiatives** - The Budget proposes zero-funding the Initiative.

- **Intellectual Property Enforcement Program** - The Budget proposes $2 million in funding.

**Community Oriented Policing Services**

The FY 2015 Budget requests $274 million for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Appropriations account, which supports programs administered by COPS and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Included within that funding is:

- **Hiring Grants** - The 2014 Budget proposes $247,000,000 for this program. Within the requested amount, up to $50,000,000 may be used for non-sworn law enforcement positions to redeploy sworn law enforcement officers who are currently filling these positions to community policing activities.

- **Methamphetamine** - This program provides assistance to help stem clandestine methamphetamine manufacture and its consequences. The 2015 Budget proposes $7,000,000 for this program.

- **Comprehensive School Safety Program** - This program provides funding to support the hiring of school safety personnel, including but not limited to sworn school resource officers, civilian public safety positions, school psychologists, social workers, and counselors. The program is to be administered by COPS in collaboration with the Department of Education to ensure a comprehensive approach to promoting school safety. The 2014 Budget proposes $75,000,000 for this program.

- **Office on Violence Against Women** - The Budget requests $422.5 million for programs administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), compared to the FY14 enacted $417 million.

- **Juvenile Justice Programs** - The 2014 Budget requests $299.4 million for the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Juvenile Justice Programs, compared to the $254.5 million in FY14 funding.