

**Criminal Justice Funding Update**  
**June 13, 2007**

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008**

On June 11, the U.S. House of Representatives completed the mark-up of the 2008 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) appropriations bill. The full text of the bill and committee report will not be made public until next week after the full committee mark-up. The Senate Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee will consider its FY08 appropriations bill later in the summer.

*Funding Chart (in millions)*

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY08 House Mark-Up</b>
Mentally Ill Offender Program	\$5	\$5	\$10
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants	\$416	\$520	\$600
COPS Program	\$478.3	\$542	\$725
Drug Courts Program	\$10	\$10	\$40
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program	\$10	\$10	\$10

**Highlights:**

**The Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA)** – The House included \$10 million for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act. MIOTCRA received \$5 million in both FY06 and FY07. MIOTCRA is designed to facilitate collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health, and substance abuse treatment systems to improve responses to people with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system.

**The Justice Assistance Grant program (JAG)** – JAG is slated to receive \$600 million, an \$80 million increase over last year's funding level. The President requested \$350 million for a combined Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program. JAG allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

**The Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS)** – The COPS program is funded at \$725 million in the House bill compared to \$542 million appropriated for FY07, \$478.3 million in FY06, and \$606.4 million in FY05. The President's FY08 request was \$204 million for a combined Violent Crime Reduction Partnership Initiative. The COPS program provides financial assistance to eligible law enforcement departments to help improve community policing efforts.

**Drug Courts** – There is \$40 million included in the House CJS bill for the Drug Courts program. The program received \$10 million in FY07 and FY06, and \$40 million in FY05. The President's FY08 request included the Drug Courts program within the new Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program. The program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting.

**The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT)** – RSAT is funded at \$10 million for FY08 in the House bill. RSAT was funded at \$10 million in FY06 and FY07. The RSAT grant program assists states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities.