

CRIME BILL -- DOLLARS FOR LOUISIANA, 1995 - 2000
(Revised 8/22/94)

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- * **100,000 POLICE** -- Guaranteed minimum of \$44 million -- more than 500 police officers at \$75,000 per officer.
 - ** Given Louisiana's share of the population and the additional \$6.5 billion in discretionary dollars, Louisiana should expect a total of about \$155 million over the next 6 years.
 - ** Of the total, up to 85% can be used to hire about 1,800 police officers. At least 15% -- \$23 million -- can be used to help pay the training, overtime and administrative costs of implementing community policing in Louisiana.
- * **PRISONS & BOOT CAMPS** -- \$85 million for prison grants, including military-style boot camp prisons. An additional estimated \$85 million is possible if Louisiana meets the "Truth in Sentencing" target of second-time violent offenders serving 85% of their sentences.
- * **BYRNE ENFORCEMENT GRANTS** -- \$1 billion in the Trust Fund will help continue full funding for these grants, including Louisiana's \$7 million annual share.
- * **RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS** -- \$2.3 million for drug and crime enforcement in Louisiana's rural areas.
- * **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** -- Louisiana's law enforcement agencies and courts may apply for:
 - ** \$1,000,000,000 -- Drug Court programs (treatment backed up by drug testing and certain punishment for non-violent offenders currently on probation.) Estimated \$17 million for Louisiana -- enough for about 8,400 offenders over six years.
 - ** \$320,000,000 -- Criminal record systems (Brady Law), communications equipment, and DNA testing; and
 - ** \$200,000,000 -- Judges, prosecutors and public defenders (estimated \$3 million for Louisiana).

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- * **LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ACT** -- \$36 million in direct grants to cities and towns in Louisiana. Wide discretion permits local governments to use the dollars for education, drug treatment, and jobs programs.
- * **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT** -- \$13 million in grants for police, prosecutors and victims services; \$5 million in grants for shelters for battered women and their children; and Louisiana can apply for a share of \$500 million in several discretionary programs.
- * **AFTERSCHOOL AND IN-SCHOOL "SAFE HAVENS" FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN** -- \$29 million for non-profit, community-based organizations in Louisiana.
- * **DRUG TREATMENT IN PRISONS** -- \$6.8 million to treat up to an estimated 6,100 drug-addicted prisoners in Louisiana prisons over the next 6 years.
- * **LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION BLOCK GRANT** -- \$7.8 million in direct grants to cities and towns for various programs, including:
 - ** **ANTI-GANG GRANTS** -- to give young people positive alternatives to gangs, such as academic and athletic after-school activities, mentoring programs and scout troops.
 - ** **MIDNIGHT SPORTS LEAGUES** -- to give at-risk youth nightly alternatives to the streets, and for the U.S. Olympic Committee to develop supervised sports and recreation programs in high-crime areas.
 - ** **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS** -- to establish clubs in low-income housing communities, and to encourage police officers to live in those communities.
 - ** **TRIAD** -- for partnerships between senior citizens groups, police chiefs and sheriffs to combat crimes against elderly Americans.
 - ** **POLICE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN** -- for partnerships between law enforcement and social service agencies to fight crimes against children, and for the creation of youth councils to combat crime.
 - ** **VISITATION CENTERS** -- for supervised centers for divorced or separated parents to visit their children in "safe havens" when there is a history or risk of physical or sexual abuse.

- ** YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS -- to develop more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitation programs for violent juveniles, including alternatives to school suspension and juvenile court diversion.**
- ** SAFE SENIORS CORRIDORS -- to provide older Americans with enhanced protection from crime by increasing police presence and crime prevention activities by community groups.**
- ** HOPE IN YOUTH -- to create Family Outreach Teams composed of youth, parents and school-parent organizers for mentoring, community organizing and peer counseling.**
- * DISCRETIONARY GRANTS -- State agencies and non-profit organizations may apply for a share of:**
 - ** MODEL INTENSIVE GRANTS -- \$626 million for intensive, comprehensive and flexible aid to areas, urban and rural, hardest hit by crime and violence.**
 - ** NATIONAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP -- \$270 million to extend lines of credit of up to \$2 million to community development corporations to provide small, low-interest loans to businesses in low-income neighborhoods.**
 - ** GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING ("GREAT") -- \$45 million for school-based programs to teach children to resist peer pressure and understand the negative impact of gangs and drugs.**
 - ** URBAN RECREATION AND AT-RISK YOUTH -- \$4.5 million to expand recreational facilities in high-crime areas.**

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Boy Who Begged President to 'Stop The Killing' Shot 10 Days Later

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Nine-year-old James Darby wrote President Clinton a letter begging him to stop violence in the city or "somebody might kill me."

Ten days later, James was killed in a drive-by shooting.

"Maybe the president realized the children are noticing what is going on in the world," the boy's mother, Janice Payne, said Wednesday. "They are afraid."

James and his classmates wrote the president as part of a Louisiana State University Medical Center study on the effects of violence on the city's young people. Researchers asked students at several schools how safe they felt at home, in the classroom and while playing outside.

James wrote his letter April 29. "People is dead and I think that somebody might kill me," he wrote. "I'm asking you nicely to stop it."

On May 8, James was killed as he walked home from a Mother's Day picnic with friends and relatives. Payne was only a few feet away from her son when a car pulled alongside and somebody opened fire with a shotgun, hitting the youngster in the head.

Clinton wrote back after the boy's slaying and reassured his classmates that James didn't die in vain.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of his tragic death, and I assure each of you that I'm determined to answer James' plea with tough and smart solutions to the crime problems in America," Clinton wrote.

Since January, there have been 241 homicides in the city. Payne said she hopes her son's slaying will make a difference and lead to a greater effort to get guns off the streets.

"I wish he could have received the letter from the president," she said. "I wish he would have been able to see it and read it (and say) he wrote the president and the president wrote him back."

Two days after the shooting, Joseph Norfleet, 19, and his 14-year-old brother were arrested, and Norfleet was charged with murder. Norfleet's lawyer, Jeffrey Smith, called Clinton's letter "lip service" to the crime problem.

"It's all the right buzz words," Smith said.

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Bureau of Justice Assistance

Louisiana

Location: Gretna, Louisiana

Project Title: Violent Offender Intensive Prosecution Project
24th Judicial District Attorney's Office

OJP Bureau: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Amount: \$92,218 Federal Funds

Years in Operation: 1 year 5 months

Program Status: Formula Grant Program

Program Description: This project, in conjunction with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, is directed toward targeting certain violent offenders through enhanced investigation, screening and swift prosecution, and the imposition of appropriate sentences. Essential features of the project: priority docketing, limited plea bargaining, victim and witness coordination, and active participation in opposition to pardons and paroles.

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Comments: Funded by Byrne Formula Grant, which is targeted for elimination.

Location: West Monroe, Louisiana

Project Title: Louisian Training Institute-Monroe Parenting Center Program

OJP Bureau: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Amount: Program was funded with FY88,89,90,91,92 OJJDP funding; NCPC offers technical assistance and training only -- no direct funding

Years in Operation: 04/01/90 - 06/30/94

Program Status: Discretionary Grant Program

Program Description: A voluntary parenting program for incarcerated delinquent youth at the secure Louisiana Training Institute and in local group homes focusing on prevention, intervention, and treatment, this program seeks to prevent both delinquency and child abuse by breaking the cycles. The goal is to teach mothers and fathers basic parenting skills. To date, 213 youth have been served.

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Comments:

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Louisiana

LOUISIANA

LOCATION - West Monroe, Louisiana

PROJECT TITLE - LTI-Monroe Parenting Center Program

GRANTEE AGENCY - Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

PROJECT DURATION (4/1/90 - 6/30/94)

FUNDING AMOUNT - \$131,161

STATUS

- The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

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National Institute of Justice

Louisiana

LOUISIANA

LOCATION: New Orleans, Louisiana

PROJECT TITLE: "Orleans Parish District Attorney's Diversionary Program"

GRANTEE AGENCY: National Institute of Justice

PROJECT DURATION: January, 1993 - December, 1994

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$394,329

STATUS (ONE PARAGRAPH DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND CURRENT)

This project is implementing a prosecution diversion program for first-time, felony drug offenders. Eligible arrestees who successfully complete the six-month program are deferred from prosecution; those who violate program conditions are subject to prosecution of the initial charge. The program is a comprehensive, substance abuse demonstration program designed to provide early assistance to drug-involved offenders to deter further drug use and criminal behavior. Elements of the program include a thorough substance abuse assessment, drug treatment, regular drug testing, and referrals for educational, vocational, financial, and health services, as appropriate. Preliminary results indicate that very few offenders are rearrested while in the program and those who complete the program are highly complimentary of its positive impact on their lives.

COMMENT FIELD (SENSITIVE ISSUES OR ANYTHING ELSE OF NOTE) -

No sensitive issues

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