

## **CRIME BILL -- DOLLARS FOR MAINE, 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 Maine's share of the population and the additional \$6.5 billion in discretionary dollars, Maine should expect a total of about \$72 million over the next 6 years.
  - \*\* Of the total, up to 85% can be used to hire about 800 police officers. At least 15% -- \$11 million -- can be used to help pay the training, overtime and administrative costs of implementing community policing in Maine.
- \* **PRISONS & BOOT CAMPS** -- \$13.3 million for prison grants, including military-style boot camp prisons. An additional estimated \$13.3 million is possible if Maine 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 Maine's \$3 million annual share.
- \* **RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS** -- \$6.5 million for drug and crime enforcement in Maine's rural areas.
- \* **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** -- Maine'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 \$4.9 million for Maine -- enough for about 2,500 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 \$1 million for Maine).

## **PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- \* **LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ACT** -- \$10 million in direct grants to cities and towns in Maine. Wide discretion permits local governments to use the dollars for education, drug treatment, and jobs programs.
- \* **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT** -- \$4.1 million in grants for police, prosecutors and victims services; \$1.6 million in grants for shelters for battered women and their children; and Maine can apply for a share of \$500 million in several discretionary programs.
- \* **AFTERSCHOOL AND IN-SCHOOL "SAFE HAVENS" FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN** -- \$2.8 million for non-profit, community-based organizations in Maine.
- \* **DRUG TREATMENT IN PRISONS** -- \$1.5 million to treat up to an estimated 1,400 drug-addicted prisoners in Maine prisons over the next 6 years.
- \* **LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION BLOCK GRANT** -- \$1.2 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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## Maine Supreme Court Forbids Public Housing Gun Ban

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) Maine's highest court today struck down a 20-year-old ban on guns in Portland's public housing projects.

In its unanimous ruling, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court sidestepped the constitutional issue of the right to bear arms, focusing instead on the political status of the Portland Housing Authority.

The justices concluded that the housing agency does not have the power to regulate the possession of firearms independent of prevailing state law.

The National Rifle Association's lawsuit challenging the ban has been watched closely around the country as a potential test of the ability of public housing agencies to restrict guns.

The NRA, acting on behalf of an anonymous couple who live in the projects and possess hunting rifles and handguns in violation of their lease agreement, argued that the ban violated the constitutional rights of gun owners.

Attorneys for the housing authority maintained that the lease clause was a reasonable rule intended to assure the safety of tenants in the agency's more than 1,000 apartments. The rule was adopted in response to an upsurge in youth gang activity during the early 1970s.

A trial judge upheld the ban, prompting last year's appeal to the supreme court.

Police Chief Michael Chitwood said he was disappointed but not surprised by the ruling.

"When you look at housing projects across America being our battlegrounds and war zones, and gun violence and drugs being the major problems, the Portland Housing Authority years ago took a pro-active approach by including this provision of no guns in the housing projects," Chitwood said.

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# **Bureau of Justice Assistance**

Maine

**Location:** Norway, Maine and Lewiston, Maine

**Project Title:** Community Policing Initiatives

**OJP Bureau:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Amount:** (Norway) \$36,000 in FY 1992 and FY 1993 (total) with anticipated FY 1994 subgrant of \$20,000

(Lewiston) about \$15,000-20,000 in technical assistance/training through BJA contractor; anticipate FY 1994 grant of \$5300 for purchase of bikes

**Years in Operation:** (Norway) Two; (Lewiston) Since about 1991--were first jurisdiction in Maine to move to COP

**Program Status:** Formula Grant Program

**Program Description:** (Norway) Six officer police department has done complete turnaround in past two years from town approval rating of 40% "adequate" services to 75% "more than adequate" due to community policing orientation. Crime rate also dramatically reduced. Population is 15,000 including town of 5,000. Have been featured twice in state's Down East magazine [articles available in BJA] for policing efforts and police department was honored last year by national award from Buckle Up America association. Town located about an hour above Portland very near Lewiston.

(Lewiston) had Presidential visit in 1991. They are much bigger community and have been moving steadily into all aspects of COP with their department of 79 sworn officers (96 total personnel), including setting up Leadership Council, using bike patrols, etc. They are finding increased community cooperation in such areas as tips leading to indictment of 28 drug dealers. They hope to move to bike patrol in three major housing developments this summer.

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**Comments:**

**Location:** Portland, Maine

**Project Title:** Correctional Options Part II

**OJP Bureau:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Amount:** \$75,000

**Years in Operation:** 10/01/93 - 09/30/94

**Program Status:** Discretionary Grant Program

**Program Description:** Sentencing Options - This project will provide sentencing advocacy and intervention services for 20 youthful addicted offenders who are prison bound in Cumberland County, Maine.

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**Comments:** No sensitive issues.

**Location:** Portland, Maine

**Project Title:** Demonstrating New Strategies for Funding Correctional Options Programs

**OJP Bureau:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Amount:** \$30,000

**Years in Operation:** 10/01/93 - 09/30/94

**Program Status:** Discretionary Grant Program

**Program Description:** Maine Council of Churches - This project will enable the Council to develop a report that will address the problem the private non-profit sector has in finding funding to continue worthwhile correctional options programs.

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**Location:** Topsham, Maine

**Project Title:** Integrated Work/Education/Employment Program as a Correctional Option

**OJP Bureau:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Amount:** \$150,000

**Years in Operation:** 01/01/94 - 12/31/94

**Program Status:** Discretionary Grant Program

**Program Description:** Community Resource Services, Inc. - This project will demonstrate that integrated work, education, and vocational training programs in jails contribute to reducing costs and reducing crowding; project will also disseminate information about experimental jail industry programs currently operating in three counties under a contract with the Department of Education.

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