

CRIME BILL -- DOLLARS FOR VERMONT, 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 Vermont's share of the population and the additional \$6.5 billion in discretionary dollars, Vermont should expect a total of about \$54 million over the next 6 years.
 - ** Of the total, up to 85% can be used to hire about 600 police officers. At least 15% -- \$8 million -- can be used to help pay the training, overtime and administrative costs of implementing community policing in Vermont.
- * **PRISONS & BOOT CAMPS** -- \$12 million for prison grants, including military-style boot camp prisons. An additional estimated \$12 million is possible if Vermont 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 Vermont's \$2 million annual share.
- * **RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS** -- \$6.5 million for drug and crime enforcement in Vermont's rural areas.
- * **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** -- Vermont'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 \$2.3 million for Vermont -- enough for about 1,100 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 \$500,000 for Vermont).

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- * **LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ACT** -- \$2.7 million in direct grants to cities and towns in Vermont. Wide discretion permits local governments to use the dollars for education, drug treatment, and jobs programs.
- * **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT** -- \$2 million in grants for police, prosecutors and victims services; \$700,000 in grants for shelters for battered women and their children; and Vermont can apply for a share of \$500 million in several discretionary programs.
- * **AFTERSCHOOL AND IN-SCHOOL "SAFE HAVENS" FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN** -- \$1 million for non-profit, community-based organizations in Vermont.
- * **DRUG TREATMENT IN PRISONS** -- \$1.4 million to treat up to an estimated 1,300 drug-addicted prisoners in Vermont prisons over the next 6 years.
- * **LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION BLOCK GRANT** -- \$1.1 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.**

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Vermont

Location: Waterbury, Vermont

Project Title: Community Control Initiative, Vermont Department of Corrections

OJP Bureau: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Amount: FY 1991 - \$250,000
 FY 1993 - \$234,000
 FY 1994 - \$100,000
 Total = \$584,000

Years in Operation: FY 1991 to present

Program Status: Formula Grant Program

Program Description: The Community Control program has provided a meaningful community based alternative for those offenders who represent lower levels of criminal risk, thus allowing for increased availability of bed space for the detention and incarceration of increased numbers of drug related offenders. A 100 bed work (boot) camp was built to offer control and probation functions.

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Comments:

Location: Waterbury, Vermont

Project Title: Restructuring Corrections - A Continuum of Intermediate Sanctions

OJP Bureau: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Amount:

Years in Operation: 10/01/93 - 04/30/95

Program Status: Discretionary Grant Program

Program Description: The Vermont Department of Corrections - Vermont will implement a complete restructuring of the Department of Corrections, including the ways in which offenders are classified, and the sentencing options that are available. Risk management and responsivity classification will lead offenders to one of two different sentencing tracks--a community reparative tract or a risk management level which could involve incarceration. Each track has several community options including restitution and community service, various levels of probation, day treatment services, and electronic monitoring. The Vermont proposal reflects a sophisticated conceptual framework, drawn from a broad review of the literature, and there is considerable involvement with community boards that will play a major role in the assignment of offenders to various correctional options.

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Comments: No sensitive issues.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Vermont

VERMONT

LOCATION - Middlebury, Vermont

PROJECT TITLE - Community Service Program

GRANTEE AGENCY - Vermont Agency of Human Services
Planning Division

PROJECT DURATION - The JJDP Formula Grants funding for this project began in July 1991 and will end in June 1994.

FUNDING AMOUNT - FY 1991 - \$9,780
FY 1992 - \$3,000
FY 1993 - \$4,000

STATUS (ONE PARAGRAPH DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND CURRENT STATUS) -

• **Middlebury Union High School**

To promote high self-esteem in high school students, a volunteer community service program was started in the high school for the surrounding community. Examples of activities the students participate in are Big Brother/ Big Sister programs, assisting in elementary school class rooms, visiting nursing homes, and the Special Olympics.

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

No sensitive issues.

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VERMONT

LOCATION - Montpelier, Vermont

PROJECT TITLE - The Basement Teen Center

GRANTEE AGENCY - Vermont Agency of Human Services
Planning Division

PROJECT DURATION - The JJDP Formula Grants funding for this project began in July 1991 and will end in June 1994.

FUNDING AMOUNT -

FY 1991 -	\$5,000
FY 1992 -	\$4,500
FY 1993 -	\$4,500

STATUS (ONE PARAGRAPH DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND CURRENT STATUS) -

• **Washington County Youth Services Bureau, Inc.**

A prevention program that operates after school and on weekends to provide area youth with positive activities at a central "drop-in" location. The program has constant adult supervision but has a juvenile advisory group, The Committee, to help direct day-to-day activities. In addition to positive recreational activities, the center offers discussion groups on current issues such as substance abuse, dating, HIV and AIDS, and family relations.

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

No sensitive issues.

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VERMONT

LOCATION - St. Albans, Vermont

PROJECT TITLE - New Connections

GRANTEE AGENCY - Vermont Agency of Human Services
Planning Division

PROJECT DURATION - This program has been funded from the JJDP Formula Grants funds for the past four years, beginning in July 1990 and to end in Jun 1994.

FUNDING AMOUNT - Total of \$60,000 over the course of four years.

STATUS (ONE PARAGRAPH DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND CURRENT STATUS) -

• **Family Center of Franklin County**

The program aims to keep families together and children out of state custody by intervening before cases go to court by working with adolescents and their families who are experiencing difficulties getting along. The program works closely with local schools, police, Social and Rehabilitative Services, and other local private and public agencies to receive referrals and to connect clients with needed services. The particular needs of the youth and the family are assessed and case plans are developed and followed through for each client.

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

No sensitive issues.

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