

What Is the Title V Community Grants Program?

In 1992, the **Title V** of the *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974*, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.*) and reauthorized in 2002, established the Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers Title V funding, which is dedicated to delinquency prevention efforts initiated by a community-based planning process *focused on reducing risks and enhancing protective factors* to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. It is the only Federal funding source solely dedicated to delinquency prevention.

The Title V Program encourages communities to perform multi-disciplinary assessments of the risks and resources *specific to their communities* and then develop community-wide, collaborative plans to prevent delinquency.

Because careful, systematic, strategic planning increases the efficacy of prevention efforts and reduces service duplication, Title V requires the formation of a multidisciplinary community Prevention Policy Board (PPB). There also is a 50 percent matching funds requirement by either the recipient unit of local government or the State that encourages communities to collaborate and to secure additional resources to sustain their long-term delinquency prevention efforts.

Who Can Apply for Title V Funding?

OJJDP allocates funds to qualifying States based on the number of juveniles below the age of criminal responsibility. Units of local government (city, county, township, or other political subdivision) can apply to their States. States award Title V funds to qualified units of local government through a competitive process. Each awarded program may be funded in 12-month increments for up to 3 years.

How to Apply for Title V Funding

The program is implemented in two phases: (1) pre-award planning and (2) implementation. **To be eligible to apply for a subgrant from the State**, a unit of local government must

- Receive State Advisory Group certification of compliance with the JJDP Act core requirements
- Convene or designate a local Prevention Policy Board of 15 to 21 members

- Submit a 3-year, comprehensive community delinquency prevention plan
- Provide a 50% match for the award (cash or in-kind), if the match is not provided by the State

Applications for Title V funds must be submitted to each State's designated agency.

What Types of Training and Technical Assistance (TA) Are Available?

OJJDP encourages the development of community delinquency prevention strategies that are **positive in orientation and comprehensive in scope**. To enhance the capacity of communities to formulate and implement data driven delinquency prevention plans, OJJDP makes training and TA available through a contract with **Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG)**. DSG provides the following types of training and TA free of charge:

- **Community Team Orientation Training**
This 4-hour training brings together policymakers, high level agency executives, researchers, and business leaders to familiarize them with the research basis for risk and protection-focused prevention. An overview of Title V, team building, and data collection needs is provided.
- **Data Collection and Analysis Training**
This 2-day training focuses on the analysis of collected data on community-specific risks, assets, and resources and identifying evidence-based programs that address community needs.
- **Plan and Program Development Training**
This 1-day training focuses on developing a data-driven 3-year delinquency prevention plan and identifying evidence-based programs that can address a community's gaps.
- **Evaluation and Performance Measurement Training**
This 1-day workshop provides step-by-step details for conducting program evaluation, including selecting performance measures and instruments, writing a data collection plan, and analyzing data.
- **State and Local Capacity-Building Training**
These trainings build capacity for State Advisory Groups and Prevention Policy Boards.
- **Follow-Up Technical Assistance** is also available.

Who Should Attend Title V Training?

Title V training is for community leaders, planners, researchers, program developers, and private individuals who are involved in mobilizing the community, controlling resources, effecting policy changes, and developing programs. Representatives should come from public agencies and private organizations serving children, youth, and families, such as the following:

- **Health and Mental Health**
- **Education**
- **Juvenile Justice**
- **Child Protection/Child Welfare**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Public Defenders and Prosecutors**
- **Faith-Based**
- **Parent/Family/Youth Associations**
- **Recreation**
- **Business Sector**

The PPB should also contain, to the greatest extent possible, one or more members under age 21 and parents of children involved in the juvenile justice system. The cross-section of participants should include all of the racial/ethnic/cultural groups represented within the community.

How to Schedule Title V Training

State Juvenile Justice Specialists, who are responsible for administering juvenile justice grants at the State level, coordinate and request Title V training and technical assistance for interested communities within their States. Requests should be submitted to your OJJDP State Representative at least 60 days in advance of the desired training date to allow for preparation by both States and DSG. In addition, a minimum of 21 days' advance confirmation of scheduled dates is required to ensure cost-efficient travel arrangements and optimum attendance.

After requests are approved, DSG will contact State Juvenile Justice Specialists to facilitate technical assistance and training.

For further information, contact DSG at **1-877-5-TITLE-5 (1-877-584-8535)**. Download a T&TA Request Form at: www.dsgonline.com/projects_titlev_tandta.html

Information for Communities

For further Information about Title V or to obtain the name of the Juvenile Justice Specialist responsible for administering Title V in your State, please visit the OJJDP Title V Web site at

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/titlev/index.html>

Or contact the
State Relations and Assistance Division
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
810 Seventh Street, NW
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Phone: 202-307-5924

An OJJDP fact sheet on Title V can be obtained by contacting the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 1-800-638-8736 or www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org.

**Look for the Model Programs Guide
and Searchable Database at**

www.dsgonline.com/mpg2.5/mpg_index.htm

Information for Juvenile Justice Specialists

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