This is a snapshot of some of the ways in which the Commonwealth can use federal funding opportunities to change the juvenile justice system's utilization of federal funding to improve both the system and the lives of those going through it. For full details, see the report at www.jff.org/publications

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- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants, funded at $376 million in FY2016, are awarded via a formula to states, and are expended on the basis of statewide strategic plans assembled by the State Administering Agency
- Funding through the Second Chance Act to prevent recidivism includes a program funding demonstration grants to address some of the challenges faced by the children of incarcerated parents

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- All states are entitled to funding under the Title II Formula Grant Program, in proportion to the state’s relative juvenile population. In FY2015, OJJDP authorized $39.9 million in spending under the program, and Massachusetts received $545,000
- With a FY2016 budget of $270 million, this branch funds a number of grant programs, many of which the Commonwealth already makes use of

More opportunities for funding for the juvenile justice system in Massachusetts:

- Performance Partnership Pilots
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Reducing Juvenile Detainment

The Commonwealth has emerged as a leader in outcomes-based models, especially in the context of juvenile justice. In January 2014, Massachusetts invested $18 million (and potentially up to $27 million) in a Social Impact Bond to tackle recidivism in several cities.

COPS is an office within DOJ that represents a major funding stream for state and local police departments seeking to improve relationships in their community. Many police agencies in Massachusetts have applied for and been awarded grants through the COPS Hiring Program ($187 million).

Decreased residential costs are projected to save some states tens of millions of dollars over the next decade. There are many reasons to favor non-residential solutions for first-time and low-level youthful offenders, and particularly for avoiding pre-trial detention.