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PRESIDENT’S BUDGET BRIEFING

The President has released the proposed FY22 budget detail. It is a budget with good news for the forensic science community as the funding is more robust. Please note that there is also new funding for regional Sexual Assault Training Facilities. Below you will find detail of that budget and we will keep you apprised of any activity as these proposed requests move through the congressional approval process. Of note, CDC has also added a significant amount of funding regarding sexual assault.

Department of Justice	FY21 proposed	FY21 final	FY22 proposed
Byrne JAG	\$411,700,000	\$484,000,000	\$513,500,000
NamUs	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$5,000,000
Paul Coverdell Grants	\$10,000,000	\$33,000,000	\$35,000,000
DNA Initiative	\$15,000,000	\$141,000,000	\$147,000,000
Debbie Smith DNA Grants	\$97,000,000	(\$110,000,000)	(\$112,000,000)
State, Local and Federal Forensic Activities	0	(\$19,000,000)	(\$19,000,000)
Kirk Bloodsworth Post Conviction DNA	\$4,000,000	(\$8,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)
Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program	\$4,000,000	(\$4,000,000)	(\$4,000,000)
Community Teams to Reduce the Sexual Assault Kit Backlog (SAKI)	\$47,500,000	\$48,000,000	\$100,000,000
National Center on Forensics	0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
NIJ Research, Development and Evaluation			\$41,000,000 ¹
ATF Forensic Services to conduct DNA analysis on fired cartridge casings	n/a	n/a	\$4,300,000

¹ This funding is to “support high-quality research, development, and evaluation in the forensic, social and physical sciences”.

John R Justice Student Loan Repayment	n/a	n/a	\$2,000,000
Regional Sexual Assault investigative training academies	0	0	\$20,000,000
Department of Commerce			
OSAC	0	\$3,150,000	N/A
Technical Merit	0	\$1,200,000	N/A
Department of Health (CDC)			
National Violent Death Reporting System		\$24,500,000	\$34,500,000
Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance		\$475,600,000	\$713,400,000

DOJ LANGUAGE SUBMISSION

Center on Forensics-revises language in FY21 budget to allow for the operation, maintenance, and support of one or more centers on forensics, (I) \$4,000,000 is for the establishment, *operation, maintenance, or other support* of [a] *one or more* national [center] *centers* on forensics[at an accredited university of higher education with affiliate medical and law schools, in partnership with a co-located full-service State department of forensic science with a medical examiner function];

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG). - The Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program awards grants to state, county, local, and tribal governments to support a broad range of activities that prevent and control crime, including law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment programs; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. The 2022 Budget proposes \$513.5 million for this program. Included in this amount is \$20 million for a training on racial profiling, duty to intervene, and de-escalation tactics, \$10 million for training to improve police-based responses to people with mental illness, \$7 million for an initiative to address violent crime in rural areas, \$20 million for Project Safe Neighborhoods, and \$13 million for VALOR. In addition to JAG, the Budget proposes funding for other important law enforcement assistance programs, including the Bulletproof Vest Program (\$30 million) and the Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Program (\$10 million).

Combatting Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking. - The FY 2022 Budget expands several programs that assist state, local, and tribal governments in improving their response to sexual assault and eliminating forensic evidence analysis backlogs related to these cases. The Budget requests \$100 million for the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and \$20 million for a new regional training program to improve investigation of and response to sexual assault. The Budget also requests \$90 million to support human trafficking grant programs, including support for comprehensive and specialized services for human trafficking victims.

Within the carve-out pertaining to response to sexual assault and associated reform, adds language to remove any ambiguity as to whether the designated amount may be used for related cold cases.)[\$141,000,000] \$147,000,000 for DNA-related and forensic programs and activities, of which— (A) [\$110,000,000] \$112,000,000 is for the purposes authorized under section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–546) (the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program): *Provided*, That up to 4 percent of funds made available under this paragraph may be used for the purposes described in the DNA Training and Education for Law Enforcement, Correctional Personnel, and Court Officers program (Public Law 108–405, section 303);

Promoting Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Reform and Enhancing Civil Rights. - The 2022 Budget directs funding to criminal justice system reform efforts, including efforts to address systemic bias in the criminal justice system. The 2022 Budget supports a wide range of programs addressing these issues, including a new Public Defender Improvement Program (\$25 million) and a new Legal Representation for Immigrant Children and Families pilot program (\$15 million). The Budget also requests funding for the Hate Crimes Prevention Training Program (\$9 million) to provide law enforcement with resources to respond and investigate hate- and bias -motivated crimes and support non- profit organizations outreach efforts to communities affected by hate crimes.

Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence. - The 2022 Budget invests in proven strategies that will reduce gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners. The 2022 Budget proposes new programs to incentivize states to implement red flag and gun licensing laws (\$40 million) and support local gun buyback and relinquishment efforts (\$10 million). The 2022 Budget also proposes a new community violence intervention initiative (\$100 million), complementing a similar Department of Health and Human Services program for a government- wide total of \$200 million in discretionary resources for the initiative in 2022.

NamUs- \$5,000,000 is for the [operation] *operationalization*, maintenance, and expansion of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

NIST LANGUAGE SUBMISSION

Not available at this time

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL LANGUAGE SUBMISSION

Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance (+\$237.8 million) -The opioid epidemic has shattered families, claimed lives, and ravaged communities across the Nation —and the COVID-19 pandemic has only deepened this crisis. Addressing the current overdose epidemic remains a priority for CDC. The Administration’s strategy brings together surveillance, prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement, interdiction, and source-country efforts to address the continuum of challenges facing this country due to drug use. CDC’s role is to prevent drug-related harms and overdose deaths.

The FY 2022 request for opioid overdose prevention and surveillance is \$713.4 million, an increase of \$237.8 million above the FY 2021 Enacted. With the additional resources requested, CDC will increase local investments and innovation to reach approximately 25 of the nation’s largest cities/counties and 40 smaller communities heavily impacted by the overdose crisis, while continuing to support all 50 states,

territories, and local jurisdictions to track and prevent overdose deaths. CDC will prioritize support to collect and report real-time, robust overdose mortality data and to move from data to action, building upon the work of the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program. To do so, CDC will partner with funded jurisdictions to implement surveillance strategies that include contextual information alongside data, as well as increase surveillance capabilities for polysubstance use and emerging substance threats such as stimulants. The additional resources requested will enable CDC to support investments in prevention efforts for people put at highest risk, for example, supporting risk reduction and access to medications for opioid use disorder for people transitioning from alternate residence (jail/prison, treatment facility, homeless shelter).

National Violent Death Reporting System (+\$10.0 million) -CDC's FY 2022 request of \$34,500,000 for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) is \$10,000,000 above FY 2021 Enacted. In FY 2022, CDC will support 52 recipients to collect NVDRS data. CDC will use the additional funding requested for NVDRS to collect data on gender identity and sexual orientation. These data will increase our understanding of violent deaths among disproportionately affected groups and inform efforts towards decreasing the number of deaths across groups.

Public Health Approaches to Reducing Violence -Violence not only harms individuals, but also can harm communities by affecting local economies, increasing demands on law enforcement, and straining social services. The COVID-19 pandemic has created the need to remain vigilant in providing violence prevention services while individuals are isolating at home. Public health measures necessary to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, such as extended shelter-in-place orders, may have unintended effects on the potential for interpersonal and self-directed violence in the home—exacerbating a problem that already was far too prevalent. CDC's FY 2022 budget request includes increases to programs that will help address this public health concern through evidence-based approaches.

Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research (+\$12.5 million) -In FY 2022, CDC requests \$25.0 million for firearm injury and mortality prevention research, a \$12.5 million increase over FY 2021 Enacted. These funds will be used to support research to identify the most effective ways to prevent firearm related injuries and deaths. and to expand the number of states participating in the FASTER initiative, which will broaden firearm injury data collection.

Community Violence Intervention initiative (\$100.0 million) -In FY 2022, CDC is requesting \$100 million for a new evidence-based community violence intervention initiative, which aims to prevent intentional violence, such as mass casualty violence or gang violence. CDC will support implementation of evidence-based violence prevention strategies with the greatest potential in the 25 cities with the highest overall number of homicides and the 25 cities with the highest number of homicides per capita. In addition, CDC will support modernizing data systems to monitor youth and community violence in real time. These efforts will address the causes of violence in communities and help reduce the health inequities that characterize such violence across the United States.

Rape Prevention (+\$50.0 million) -In FY 2022 CDC requests an additional \$50.0 million for rape prevention and education, to enhance support to state and territorial health departments to initiate, expand or enhance approved prevention activities. In addition, CDC will support state, territorial, and tribal sexual assault coalitions to coordinate and provide prevention activities and to collaborate with entities engaged in sexual violence prevention.

Domestic and Sexual Violence (+\$5.0 million) -With the requested additional \$5.0 million for intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention activities, CDC will develop and implement an appropriate surveillance strategy to estimate the burden of IPV among older adults. This estimate

will also help inform updates to CDC's technical package on preventing IPV. CDC will also work to prevent dating violence among youth with disabilities by developing targeted recommendations, messaging, and resources based on the successful frameworks used in CDC's other teen dating violence prevention initiatives.

Domestic Violence Community Projects (+\$5.0 million)-The FY 2022 request includes an additional \$5,000,000 for domestic violence community projects. CDC will expand the reach of the Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) program by funding up to 20 additional recipients to build capacity to implement and evaluate proven IPV prevention strategies in their states.