

THE YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

The Part G Youth Mentoring Program grant, managed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and funded through the Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill, serves to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency, truancy, substance misuse, victimization, and other risky behaviors for youth under 18 years old.

- Mentoring services can be one-on-one, group, peer, or a combination of these types.
- Grantees are required to identify and implement program design enhancements in at least one of the six core practice areas listed in MENTOR's [*Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™*](#).
- Grantees must specifically address the issue and impact of bullying (including cyberbullying) on the youth served in their program.

HISTORIC FUNDING DATA:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$95 million	\$97 million	\$100 million	\$102 million	\$107 million

In the most recent year of grantee data, FY22:

99,430

youth proposed to be served as mentees.

85,475

proposed new mentor-mentee matches.

29,785

new trained mentors recruited, including:

- Adult volunteers
- College students
- Law enforcement officers
- Military
- Athletic coaches
- Peers (youth)
- Program staff
- Paid mentors
- Teachers
- Corporate professionals

More than **80%** of adults support public investment in mentoring.

44% of adults are not yet mentoring but are willing to consider it.

Applicant eligibility for Youth Mentoring Grant is organized by categories annually.

In recent years, funding categories have included:

National Mentoring Programs

Multistate Mentoring Programs

[National Mentoring Resource Center](#)

Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and

Other Drug Misuse

Mentoring Programs for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Mentoring for Child and Youth Victims of Sex Trafficking