

Montana Board of Crime Control

2013 LAW & JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE



Our mission: to proactively contribute to public safety, crime prevention and victim assistance through planning, policy development, and coordination of the justice system in partnership with citizens, government, and communities.

AGENCY HISTORY



- President Johnson established the National Commission on Law Enforcement & Administration of Justice on July 23, 1965.
- In 1968, based on the Commission's recommendations, Congress created the Omnibus Crime Control & Safe Streets Act (42 U.S.C. Section 3711) due to nationwide high crime rates.
- One element of the Act was creation of the Law Enforcement Assistance & Administration (LEAA), which was designed to provide funding to states through planning, action, education and research grants.
- In 1972, the Montana Law Enforcement Planning Committee (created by executive order of the Governor) was renamed the Montana Board of Crime Control and became the State Administering Agency (SAA).
- Two advisory councils were created to advise the 18-member Board
 - Youth Services Advisory Council (remains advisory council to Board)
 - Peace Officers Standards & Training Council (POST) (moved out of MBCC 2007)

WHAT WE DO



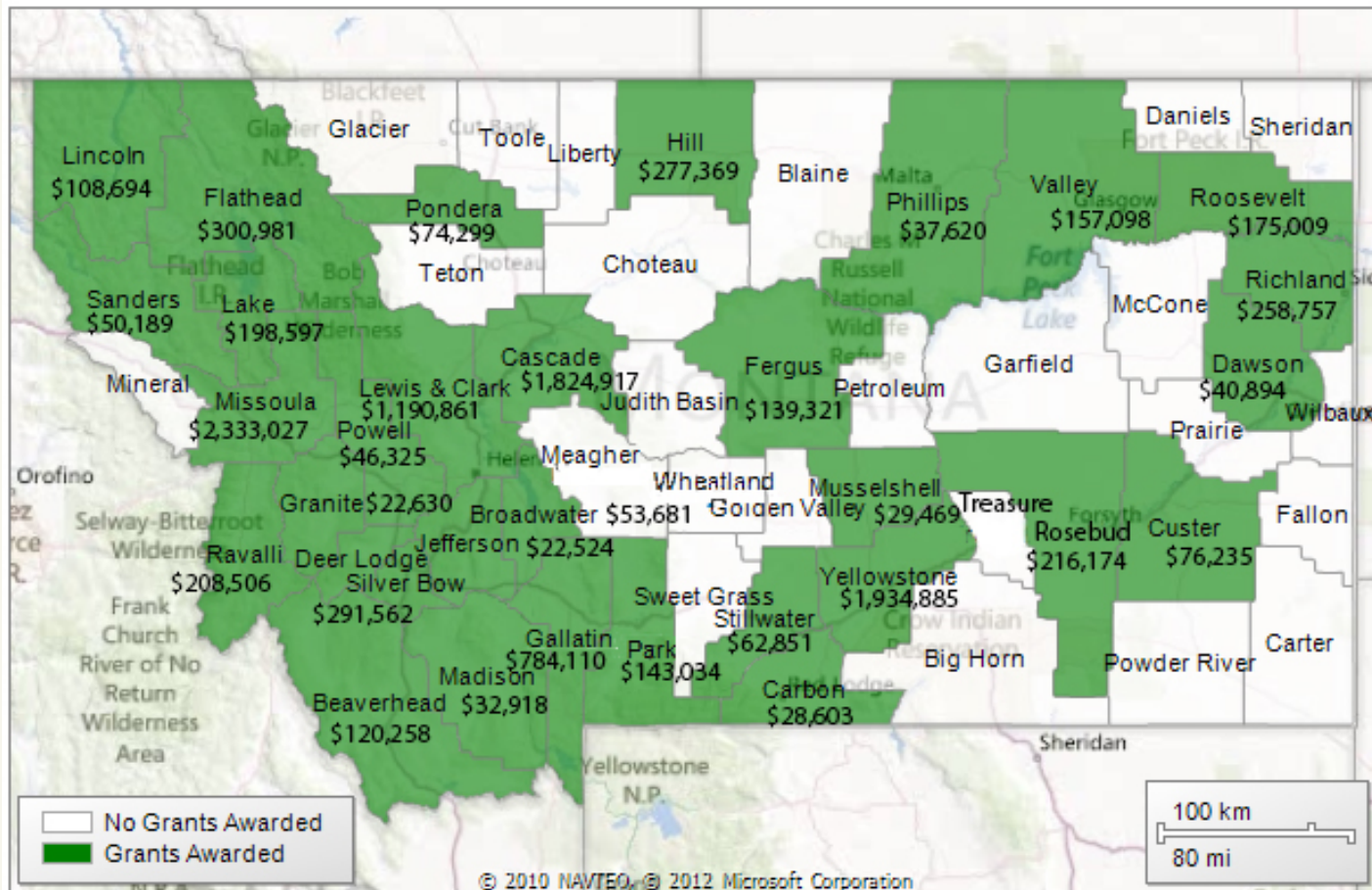
- Grant Administration – Federal, State General Fund & State Special Revenue
- Crime Data Collection, Statistical Analysis & Crime Reporting to FBI & Law Enforcement Agencies
- Public Safety & Crime Prevention Planning
- Program Research and Resource Development
- Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement Agencies & Tribal Governments
- Juvenile Justice Initiatives & Programs

Statutory Authority



- **MCA Title 2-15-2006**
 - (1) There is a board of crime control.
 - (2) The board is allocated to the department of justice for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121. However, the board may hire its own personnel, and 2-15-121(2)(d) does not apply.
 - (3) The board is composed of 18 members appointed by the governor in accordance with 2-15-124 and any special requirements of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, as amended. The board shall be representative of state and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, including agencies directly related to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, units of general local government, and public agencies maintaining programs to reduce and control crime and shall include representatives of citizens and professional and community organizations, including organizations directly related to delinquency prevention.

Montana Grants Awarded by County State Fiscal Year 2012



Total Awards \$11,331,074

Counties without grants may be served by surrounding grant counties

Program Highlight: Missouri River Drug Task Force



- 1990 – 2012: \$6,110,737 awarded to Missouri River DTF by MBCC
- Objectives: detection & apprehension of drug traffickers & drug offenders; gang and drug endangered children prevention
- 2012 Accomplishments:
 - Missouri River DTF responsible for 150 felony arrests involving marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, narcotics/rx, MDMA (ecstasy); street value of meth seized = \$238,100
 - Identified 23 drug endangered children
 - Increased prosecution and sentencing of felony offenders
 - Increased offender treatment
- Collaboration of law enforcement agencies: Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Meagher, Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties, tribal and federal law enforcement

Program Highlight: Missoula County -Domestic Accountability Project Missoula City Attorney's Office



- 2007 – 2012: \$127,845 awarded by MBCC
- Misdemeanor probation funds (state special revenue) the Accountability Projects for Partner Family Assault (PFMA) Offenders program providing domestic violence services through Missoula City Attorney's Office
- Objectives: increased pre-trial & post-sentencing accountability of offenders charged with PFMA & other family violence-related misdemeanors
- Accomplishments:
 - filing of over 100 petitions to revoke noncompliant PFMA offenders

Program Highlight: Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office Jail-Based Treatment Program



- 2006-2012: \$481,638 was awarded by MBCC
 - Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office Partnership with Rimrock Foundation
- Objectives: reduce recidivism rates, increase employment, provide for mental and physical health and help with stable housing
- Accomplishments:
 - Served over 200 highly addicted offenders so far
 - Program completion rate: 82%
 - Reduces demand for jail beds
 - Reduces days of incarceration
 - Reduces involvement of substance abusers in the criminal justice system
 - Program received 2012 National Criminal Justice Association's Western Region Award

Program Highlight: Flathead County Center for Restorative Justice (CRYJ)



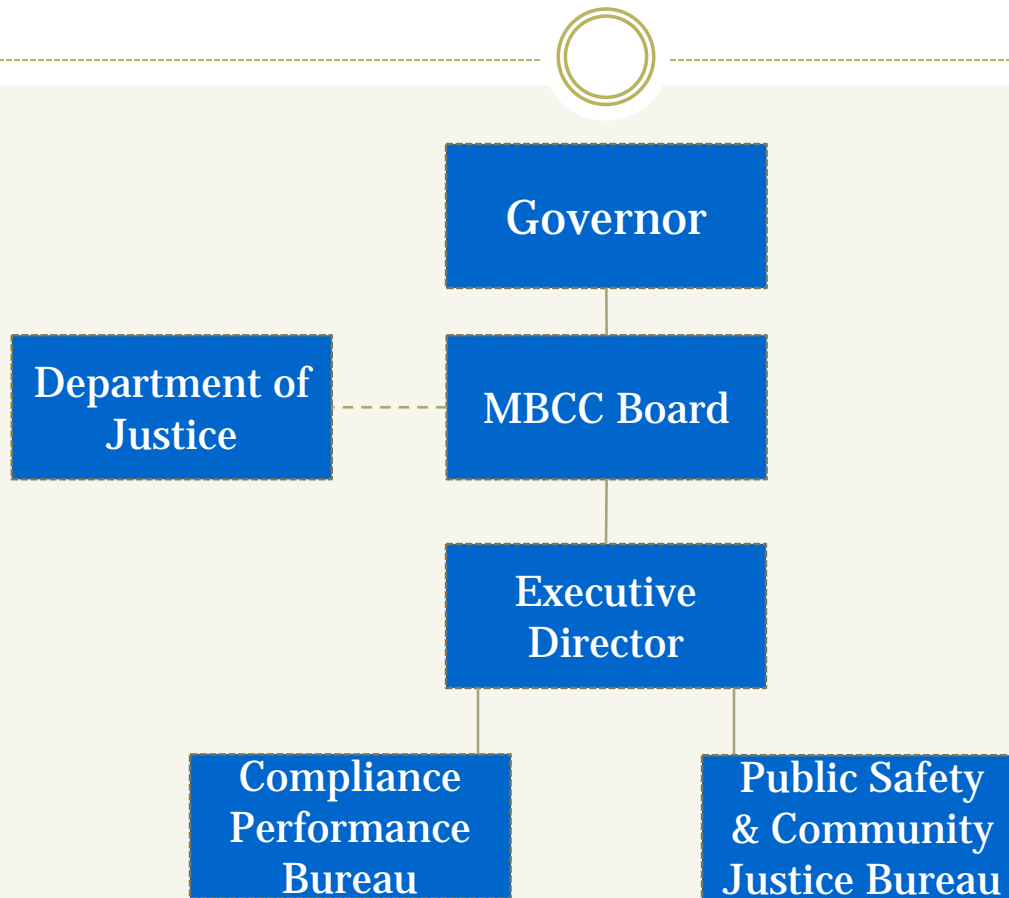
- 2007 – 2012: \$291,985 awarded by MBCC
- Objectives: hold juveniles accountable for criminal conduct by focusing on people and communities harmed; divert juveniles from detention and juvenile justice system
- Accomplishments:
 - Served over 700 juvenile justice system-involved youth to date
 - 85% completion rate of youth in CRYJ programs
 - FY 2011: CRYJ youth only recidivated at a rate of 13% compared to 35% recidivism rate for Flathead County and 46% statewide

HB 71 – An Act Clarifying the Intent and Definition of Restorative Justice



- LJIC Committee Senate Joint Resolution 29 (2011 Legislature): Examination of the efficacy of restorative justice principles and practices
- **Restorative justice definition:** “criminal justice practices that elevate the role of crime victims and community members in the criminal justice process, hold offenders directly accountable to the people and communities they have harmed, restore emotional and material losses, and provide a range of opportunities for victim, offender, and community dialogue, negotiation, and problem solving to bring about a greater sense of justice, repair harm, provide restitution, reduce incarceration and recidivism rates, and increase public safety.” MCA 2-15-2013.
- HB 71 Intent: “have the Board of Crime Control apply for grants that will provide funds to state and local entities that establish restorative justice programs...” MCA 2-15-2012.
- The board shall produce a biennial report summarizing the grants provided, how the grant money was spent, and the program data and information reported by grant recipients. MCA 2-15-2013 (5).
- The board shall report annually to the law and justice interim committee regarding the status and performance of the restorative justice grant programs established in this section. MCA 2-15-2013 (6).

MBCC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MBCC BOARD MEMBERS



- Laura Obert, Chairwoman, Townsend, Broadwater County Commissioner
- Rick Kirn, Vice-Chairman, Poplar, Fort Peck Tribe
- Mike Batista, Director, Department of Corrections
- Pam Carbonari, Kalispell, Citizen & Youth Justice Council Chair
- Jim Cashell, Bozeman, (former) Gallatin County Sheriff
- Brenda Desmond, Missoula, 4th Judicial District Standing Master
- William Dial, Chief of Police, Whitefish Police Department
- Leo Dutton, Sheriff, Lewis & Clark County
- Tim Fox, Attorney General
- William Hooks, Chief Public Defender
- Tara Jensen, Missoula, Missoula CASA Director
- Steve McArthur, Butte, Director of Community Correctional Programs
- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Supreme Court
- Michelle Miller, Director, Butte Child Advocacy Center
- Nickolas Murnion, Glasgow, Valley County Attorney
- Angela Russell, Lodge Grass, Crow Tribe, Attorney
- Godfrey Saunders, Bozeman, (former) Educator, Citizen
- Vacant, Public Representative