The Database

Police departments receiving federal grants funds may lose those funds if they discriminate based on race, national origin, disability, or other characteristics. Yet, some departments have paid out millions in local taxpayer funds to resolve claims of police misconduct involving people of color, and others have entered into consent decrees with the Department of Justice to address discriminatory policing. Using the database, communities can compare data on federal grant funding, misconduct settlements, consent decrees, and military equipment transfers to help support demands for accountability and transparency by local law enforcement.

About the Thurgood Marshall Institute

The Thurgood Marshall Institute (TMI) is a multidisciplinary center within the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). LDF is America’s premier civil rights legal organization that has been fighting for racial justice for over 80 years. Launched in 2015, TMI complements LDF’s traditional litigation strengths and brings critical capabilities to the fight for racial justice, including research and targeted advocacy campaigns.

Why it Matters

DISCRIMINATION
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1962 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin by recipients of federal funding. Law enforcement agencies that violate Title VI by discriminating against Black communities, for example, risk losing their federal funds.

MISCONDUCT SETTLEMENTS, CONSENT DECREES, AND MILITARIZATION
Many police departments that receive federal grants have also paid out millions to resolve claims of police misconduct. Others have entered into consent decrees with the Department of Justice to resolve and reform certain protocols. Some departments also receive military-grade equipment from the Department of Defense.

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A Glance at the Data

RESEARCH. DATA. TRANSPARENCY.
We make it easier to find vital information about the funding of local law enforcement agencies by the federal government in your community. Browse by city or county to get monthly-updated figures on federal grants provided to your police department.

LEARN ABOUT
- justice in public safety efforts
- federal grants
- police consent decrees
- police misconduct settlements
- military equipment transfers

How to Use It

STEP 1
To access the database, visit us online at: policefundingdatabase.org

STEP 2
Using the search bar, enter the city, county, or state you want to find.

STEP 3
Select the city, county, or state you are interested in researching. Scroll through the dashboard to find relevant information and data on your locality. In some sections, you may click ‘View All’ to find additional information.

Check out the database for more information about how to use the data to support accountability in your community.

OUR GOAL IS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.