

Oklahoma District Attorneys Council
Federal Grants Division

FY 2015 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Grant Award

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), which was passed in 2003, is a penalty against the Justice Assistance Grant if the state is not in compliance. The penalty funds are then to be used to further compliance with PREA. PREA seeks to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse incidents in confinement facilities by setting the standards for the physical space, the training of personnel, and the assignment of personnel in the facility. In 2012, after extensive review and input, the DOJ adopted national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape and sexual abuse through PREA. PREA standards apply to all public and private prisons, jails, and lock-ups.

In 2015, the State of Oklahoma received \$77,289.00 to be used for audits in up to three (3) facilities. The audits will be provided by a DOJ Certified PREA Auditor and/or the American Corrections Association (ACA). The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) will identify the DOJ Certified Auditors that are available to provide the audits and/or work with the ACA to contract with the auditor(s) to complete the audits. The audits will determine if the facilities are in compliance with PREA standards. ODOC will review and analyze PREA audit findings and pre-audit facility PREA assessments to determine the number of surveillance cameras required for each facility. Installation of the surveillance cameras will ensure and strengthen ODOC's PREA compliance. All purchases made will follow state purchasing and contracting procedures, and installation will be monitored.

2015 PREA Recipients

<u><i>Award Recipient</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Amount Awarded</i></u>
Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC)	Oklahoma	\$77,222.25

Grant funds will be used to finish up three (3) PREA audits to be conducted by a DOJ Certified PREA Auditor and/or the American Corrections Association (ACA). ODOC will facilitate the purchase and installation of 266 surveillance cameras identified as necessary during PREA audits or pre-audit PREA assessments.