

United States police data is not accessible enough.

There are [tens of thousands](#) of criminal justice agencies, and each has a unique way to publish information. Public records can be difficult to find, organized in confusing ways and kept behind bureaucratic request processes.

Researchers, journalists, activists, and government employees working on police systems don't have easy access to the data they need to answer basic questions, let alone do deep analysis. Local groups use data independently, duplicating their efforts with no way to share their results.

Accessible data can be used to examine how our criminal justice systems are working.

We're cataloguing [Data Sources](#) like budgets, policies, arrests, and dozens of other types of records—for every criminal justice agency. To do it, we're embracing the decentralized, grassroots nature of the criminal justice system: we're making tools to help people organize, share, and repeat the work they're already doing.

Accessible data can be used by more people. **We can't fix what we can't measure.**

We're building a critical resource.

We need to develop our proofs of concept into completed software.

2022 Budget for Version 1 of the PDAP App

Core software development team	\$250,000
Legal & Accounting coverage	\$15,000
Targeted Data Bounties	\$50,000
Total	\$315,000

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