

JAG is the cornerstone program for building safer communities

Cuts to JAG are a threat to public safety!

Restore Funding for The Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program

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- ✧ **JAG FUNDS SAVE LIVES-** JAG funds are fast, flexible and effective for local communities to utilize when addressing emerging crime problems.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS STIMULATE INNOVATION-** JAG grants are the sole source of federal funding for many innovative and crucial crime control and prevention programs that have contributed to nationwide reductions in crime.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS WORK-** JAG funded multi-jurisdictional taskforces have removed thousands of pounds and seized millions of dollars worth of meth and other drugs from communities across the country.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE-** Money from the JAG program provides law enforcement with the technology, weapons and investigative tools they need to keep our communities safe.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS-** Thousands of offenders nationwide have been rehabilitated through reentry and substance abuse treatment programs that rely on JAG funds.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS FOSTER COLLABORATION-** State and local communities across the country rely on JAG funds for essential programs that impact every aspect of the criminal justice system from law enforcement and prosecutors to community courts, victims' services and juvenile justice initiatives.
 - ✧ **JAG FUNDS REPAIR FAMILIES-** At-risk children and crime victims everywhere have received the support and help they need through JAG funded programs.

"I understand we have a budget crunch, but the Byrne grants are absolutely critical...I am shocked that the reduction was that severe, given the fact that we have had a bipartisan effort to build it up." said Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN)

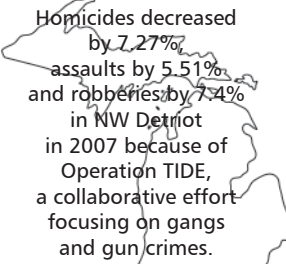
Agencies scrambling for cash to fight drug war, Indianapolis Star, January 10, 2008
<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080110/LOCAL/801100414/1006/LOCAL>

THE BYRNE/JAG PROGRAM: WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR?

A SNAPSHOT OF STATE SPENDING IN FY07

The FY08 Omnibus Appropriations bill cut the Byrne/ Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) program at the Department of Justice by 67 percent, from \$520 million in FY07 to \$170 million in FY08, an all-time low.

Byrne/JAG is the only comprehensive federal crime-fighting program, enabling communities to target resources to their most pressing needs. JAG funds support the entire system, from investigation to arrest, from case processing through adjudication, and for services upon an offenders release from jail or prison. This breadth and flexibility is the program's greatest strength. The following snapshot of grant awards shows how the Byrne/JAG program supports every aspect of the criminal justice system.



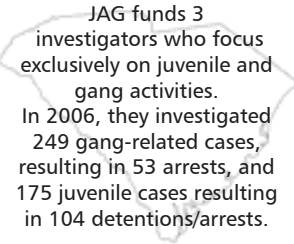
Homicides decreased by 7.27%, assaults by 5.51%, and robberies by 7.24% in NW Detroit in 2007 because of Operation TIDE, a collaborative effort focusing on gangs and gun crimes.

Michigan

63 PERCENT OF JAG FUNDING GOES TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ✧ 40 percent of the total JAG allocation goes directly from DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance to local law enforcement agencies by formula based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. Of the 60 percent that passes through the states, 63 percent goes directly to local law enforcement agencies. Therefore, a total of 77 percent of the overall JAG program goes to directly to law enforcement agencies.
- ✧ JAG is the only source of federal funds for most county sheriff's offices.

JAG FACT: County Sheriffs' departments receive only about 14 percent of COPS dollars

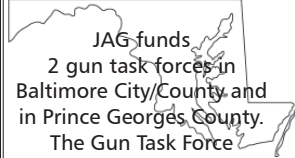


JAG funds 3 investigators who focus exclusively on juvenile and gang activities. In 2006, they investigated 249 gang-related cases, resulting in 53 arrests, and 175 juvenile cases resulting in 104 detentions/arrests.

South Carolina

44 PERCENT OF JAG FUNDING SUPPORTS MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES

- ✧ Multi-jurisdictional task forces are among the most successful and widely replicated JAG-funded innovations. They bring together investigators from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to fight gangs and drug trafficking.



JAG funds 2 gun task forces in Baltimore City/County and in Prince Georges County. The Gun Task Force established in May 2007 seized 213 guns, executed 48 warrants, and made 32 arrests.

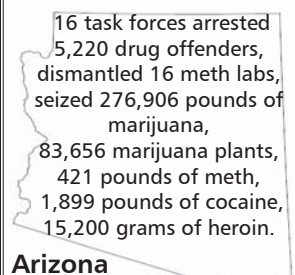
Maryland

- ✧ JAG is the primary federal source of funding for task forces. Once interrupted, they can lie fallow for years. When a task force disbands, officers return to their departments, informants are lost and complex investigations are put on hold.

JAG FACT: Nearly 1,500 children were rescued from narcotic scenes nationwide thanks to task forces funded by JAG

11 PERCENT OF JAG FUNDING GOES TO SUPPORT PLANNING, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

- ✧ Information sharing programs improve public safety by allowing data about criminal and terror events to flow freely across boundaries.



16 task forces arrested 5,220 drug offenders, dismantled 16 meth labs, seized 276,906 pounds of marijuana, 83,656 marijuana plants, 421 pounds of meth, 1,899 pounds of cocaine, 15,200 grams of heroin.

Arizona

West Allis, Wisconsin Police Chief Dean Puschnig said past funding cuts "hurt us substantially," and he wonders how much longer Milwaukee County's Metro Drug Unit will keep running.

Federal aid for police to decline, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, December 28, 2007
<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=701521>

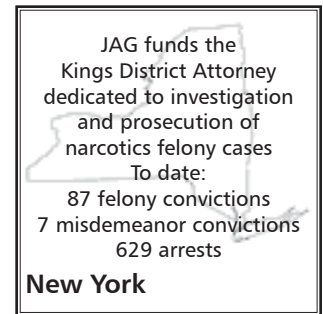
10 PERCENT OF JAG FUNDING AIDS PROSECUTORS AND THE COURTS



✧ JAG allows prosecutors to be teamed with drug task forces, improving investigations, speeding case processing time, and reducing bottlenecks in the criminal justice process.

✧ JAG also supports prosecutor training programs nationwide, including joint trainings for police and prosecutors in drug and homicide cases.

✧ Many District Attorneys have created community prosecution units, established community outreach programs in their jurisdictions, provided victim and witness services, and participated in civil asset forfeiture programs.



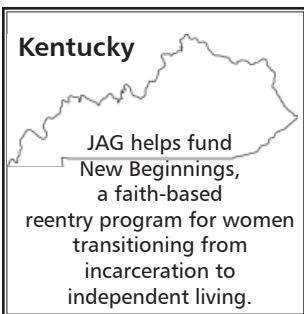
✧ States and local communities have used Byrne/JAG funds to test and improve innovative criminal justice practices which are now replicated nationwide, such as drug courts and prisoner reentry programs. Many of our nation's drug courts were established with JAG funds. Now a national program, 20 percent of the funds used for court programs still go toward drug courts.



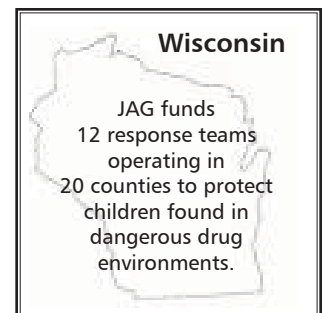
JAG FACT: JAG remains the primary source of federal funding for reentry programs

10 PERCENT OF JAG FUNDS DIRECTLY SUPPORT PREVENTION, EDUCATION, VICTIMS AND DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS

✧ A wide range of crime and delinquency prevention and crime victim support services are funded by Byrne/JAG.

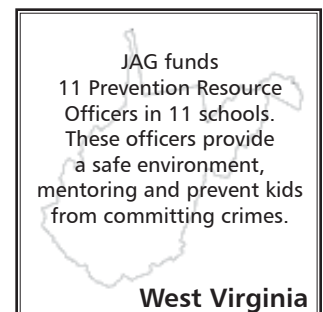


✧ Many of the JAG-funded law enforcement programs also directly support the needs of victims. For instance, JAG funds are used to support cold case homicide squads, projects to increase the reporting of financial exploitation of dependent adults, and identity theft prosecution programs, among others.



6 PERCENT OF TOTAL JAG FUNDS SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

✧ JAG-funded programs spur improvements in county jails and state prisons. For example, the incidence of serious mental illnesses is two to four times higher among offenders than the general population. The majority of offenders with a serious mental disorder also struggle with substance abuse. JAG-funded programs help people with mental illness break the cycle of substance abuse and criminal behavior.

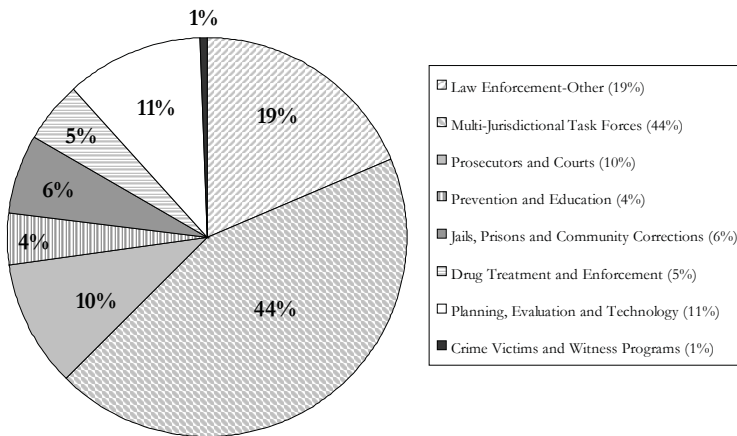


The substantial drop in this year's federal funding for the grants means "we'll have to lick our wounds in each state and see how we can survive for a year," said Jim Kane, executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council, the agency that distributes federal funds to localities in that state.

*Federal spending plan slashes anti-crime grants, Stateline.org, December 31, 2007
<http://www.stateline.org/live/details/story?contentId=267844>*

A Snapshot of Byrne/JAG Spending

State spending by purpose area in FY07



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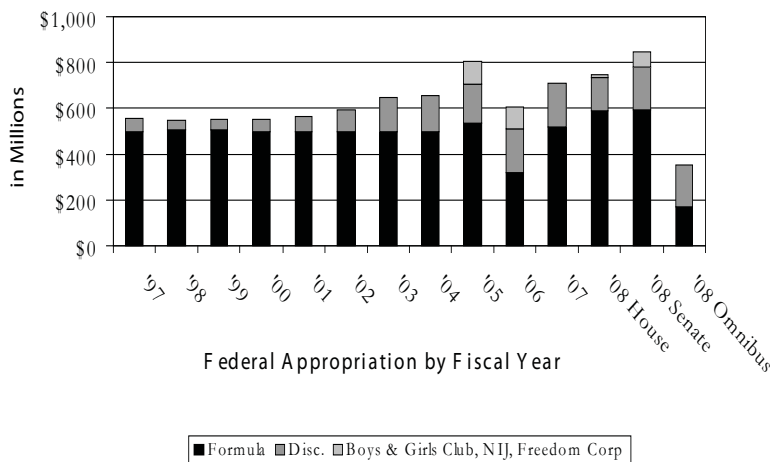
The cuts will have serious ramifications for the entire criminal justice system:

- ✧ **State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies** will lose valuable and effective crime fighting tools.
- ✧ **Prosecutors** will lose important community prosecution programs and investigative tools.
- ✧ **Victims of crime** are in danger of losing valuable services they so desperately need.
- ✧ **Courtroom dockets** will become more crowded, and fewer children will be able to enroll in proven delinquency prevention programs.
- ✧ **Community-based prisoner reentry programs** will lose their funding, and programs for non-violent offenders will be drastically reduced.

Now is not the time to cut funding for a critical crime fighting program!

History of Byrne/JAG Funding

Discretionary & Formula



Please Note:

The total Byrne/JAG federal appropriation in FY07 was \$520 million. Of that 60 percent, or \$312 million, is awarded to states by formula. The remaining 40 percent, or \$208 million, is awarded directly to local law enforcement agencies by DOJ/BJA.

The data in the pie chart at left and described in the text of this paper reflect only the state portion of the total Byrne/JAG account. It is gathered from data provided by 49 states.

The following organizations call on Congress to restore Byrne/JAG funding

National Criminal Justice Association ✧ National Sheriffs' Association ✧ The International Association of Chiefs of Police ✧ U.S. Conference of Mayors ✧ National Narcotics Officers' Associations' Coalition ✧ National Troopers Coalition ✧ International Community Corrections Association ✧ National District Attorneys Association ✧ National Association of Attorneys General ✧ National Association of Counties ✧ National Crime Prevention Council ✧ National Association of Drug Court Professionals ✧ American Correctional Association ✧ National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators ✧ National Organization for Victim Assistance ✧ Major County Sheriffs' Association ✧ National Center for State Courts ✧ National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors ✧ Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network ✧ National League of Cities ✧ National Center for Victims of Crime ✧ National Association of Police Organizations ✧ Fraternal Order of Police ✧ IJIS Institute ✧ National Conference of State Legislatures ✧ Association of VAWA Administrators