

Byrne JAG grants are a catalyst for collaboration within communities and across states. This cross-jurisdictional model is being replicated across the country to tackle cross-boundary crimes, like drug and human trafficking and cyber crime, while saving money and increasing efficiency.

- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funds provide support for three local police departments in the development of drug deflection programs. Individuals suffering from substance use disorders either voluntarily contact the police department or are put into direct contact via outreach efforts. Individuals are then offered substance use disorder treatment without fear of arrest. Law enforcement officials provide participants with referrals and transportation to treatment facilities.
- In Oklahoma, Byrne JAG funds provide support for a residential substance abuse treatment program at Elk City Community Work Center, through the OK Department of Corrections. Treatment focuses on relapse prevention and reintegration using cognitive behavioral therapy and is operated within prison correctional centers as well as community work centers.
- Byrne JAG funds in Maryland support the Wicomico County Department of Correction's Medication Assisted Treatment program which helps high risk individuals succeed in recovery by assisting with the transition from substance abuse treatment during incarceration to community-based treatment, recovery housing, community support and other recovery supportive resources.
- In Massachusetts, Byrne JAG funds help support residential drug treatment in correctional settings. A combination of Byrne JAG and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) dollars provide services in 10 local jails and in one Department of Corrections facility.
- Byrne JAG funds in Georgia support a state residential substance abuse treatment (RSAT) program at Coastal State Prison. Coastal's RSAT program diverts qualifying offenders sentenced to two years or less of prison time to

three and six-month residential substance abuse treatment programs, followed by community supervision and aftercare.

- In Florida, Byrne JAG funds support the implementation of a statewide substance abuse screening program run by the Department of Corrections that prioritizes inmates on a statewide list for substance abuse programs. The agency uses Byrne JAG funds, in conjunction with the state's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment funds to support the direction of substance abuse treatment activities at designated institutions that focus on the addiction and recovery process, criminal thinking, interpersonal relationships, relapse prevention, values, problem solving, defense mechanisms and changing maladaptive thinking patterns.

How Byrne JAG Funding is Awarded:

Sixty percent of the overall Byrne JAG grant is awarded to the state criminal justice planning agency (known as the State Administering Agency or SAA), which, in turn, awards the funding, to local governments and non-profit service providers; the remaining 40 percent goes directly from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to local communities based on population and crime data.

Funding is authorized at \$1.1 billion annually. At its peak in FY02, Congress appropriated \$830 million. In subsequent years, funding held steady at about \$500 million. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in FY09 provided a one-time boost of \$2 billion. Since FY10, funding has dropped by about one-third. In FY17 the program was funded at \$335 million.

States and local communities use Byrne JAG funds to address needs and fill gaps across the entire justice system – in prevention, enforcement, courts, prosecution, indigent defense, corrections, crisis intervention and behavioral health services, victim assistance, and other community-based supports and services.

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