



Cornerstone for Justice: How New Hampshire Uses Byrne JAG Funding to Protect Public Safety, Prevent Crime and Reduce Recidivism

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program (Byrne JAG) is the nation's cornerstone justice assistance grant program, supporting the federal government's crucial role in improving state and local justice systems by spurring innovation and by testing and replicating evidence-based practices in crime control and prevention. States, localities and tribal nations are able to deploy Byrne JAG funding against their most pressing public safety challenges, to design complete programs or fill gaps, to leverage other resources and to work across city, county and state lines.

Byrne JAG funds may be invested across the criminal justice system for prevention, diversion, enforcement, courts, prosecution and defense, corrections, victim assistance, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and other community-based support. Byrne JAG improves the administration of justice, reduces incarceration, enhances fairness, improves outcomes for the justice-involved and saves taxpayer money.

Byrne JAG in New Hampshire:

In 2018, the New Hampshire Department of Justice invested in successful initiatives. Some examples include:

- The Attorney General's Drug Task Force which has been in place since 1986. This Task Force provides statewide coverage and support to local law enforcement in the investigation of street level drug crime. The Task Force works in coordination with the efforts of other drug enforcement entities such as, the State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Group. Currently, the Task Force is focused on the northern and western rural areas of the state with emphasis on combating heroin, prescription drugs and cocaine.
- Byrne JAG funds supported community policing programs such as the Mounted Patrol Unit.
- Byrne JAG funding was used to support a scholarship fund which allowed court personnel to attend a regional drug court conference.

Using Byrne JAG funds, state and local governments have made remarkable strides in advancing data-driven practices in criminal justice.

Grants are awarded based on a strategic plan developed in conjunction with the state's system stakeholders.

New Hampshire's Investment By Purpose Area

Total Investment = \$749,245

69%



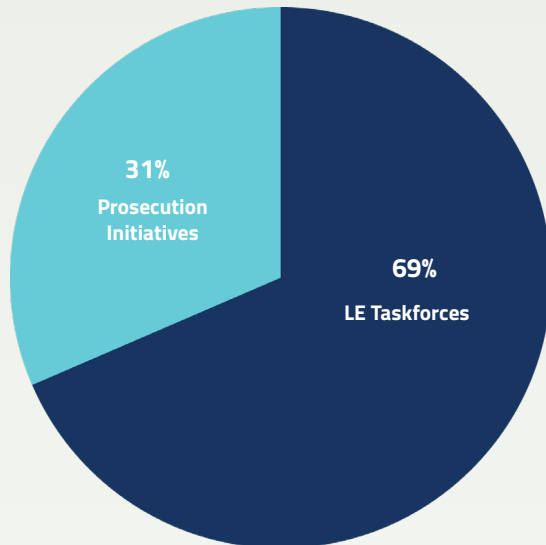
Law Enforcement

31%



Prosecution & Courts
(including indigent defense)

New Hampshire's Byrne JAG Investments by Project Type



How Byrne JAG Funding is Awarded:

Byrne JAG funds are awarded by a formula based on each state's population and crime rate. Sixty percent of a state's allocation is awarded to the state criminal justice planning agency (known as the State Administering Agency, or SAA) which, in turn, makes the funding available to local governments and non-profit service providers. The remaining 40 percent of the state's allocation is awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) directly to a number of local communities based on crime data.

Funding is authorized by Congress at \$1.1 billion, though annual funding has never reached that level. At its peak in FY02, Congress appropriated \$830 million. Until FY10 funding held steady at about \$500 million annually but has since dropped by about one-third. In FY18, the program was funded at \$340 million.

2018 Byrne JAG Spending Study:

Financial estimates and program examples were gathered as part of the 2018 Byrne JAG Spending Study conducted by the National Criminal Justice Association. Financial data was submitted by and qualitative interviews were conducted with all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Byrne JAG supports the federal government's crucial role in spurring innovation and testing and replicating evidence-based practices nationwide.

States and local communities use Byrne JAG funds to address needs and fill gaps across the entire justice system.

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