

Byrne JAG—Flexible Funding to Prevent Crime, Protect Public Safety and Reduce Recidivism

Overview:

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. Byrne JAG is flexible, allowing spending across eight broad purpose areas that enable states, localities and tribal nations to address their most pressing public safety challenges by designing complete programs or filling spending gaps.

Strategic Planning technical assistance from NCJA can help states determine priority areas and effective programs and initiatives to address specific needs.

The 9 Byrne JAG Purpose Areas (with examples of program types)

1. Law Enforcement
 - Law enforcement-led diversion, violent crime reduction, co-responder, equipment, personnel/operations, training & multi-jurisdictional task forces
2. Prosecution & Courts
 - Indigent defense, prosecution & specialty courts
3. Prevention & Education
 - Crime prevention, domestic violence/sex assault & at-risk youth prevention
4. Corrections, Community Corrections & Reentry
 - Alternatives to incarceration, probation/parole, reentry & special populations
5. Drug Treatment & Enforcement
 - Housing, community-based & secure facility-based treatment
6. Planning, Evaluation, & Technology Improvement
 - Criminal records improvement, forensic science, information sharing, outcome & program evaluation, strategic planning
7. Crime Victim & Witness
 - Human trafficking, restorative justice, victim services for adults & children
8. Mental & Behavioral Health
 - Assessment/evaluation, benefits eligibility/enrollment, crisis intervention team (CIT) training & suicide risk assessment, response & protocols
9. State Crisis Intervention Programs
 - State crisis intervention court proceedings or initiatives including mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs