

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

### Overview

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program 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 nine broad program 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, offered by NCJA's Center for Justice Planning team, helps states determine priority areas and effective programs and initiatives to address specific needs.

### The Nine Byrne JAG Program Areas

#### Law Enforcement



Law enforcement-led diversion, violent crime reduction, co-responder models, equipment, personnel/operations, training, multijurisdictional task forces.

#### Prosecution & Courts



Indigent defense, prosecutorial initiatives, specialty courts.

#### Prevention & Education



Crime prevention, domestic violence/sexual assault prevention, at-risk youth prevention.

#### Corrections, Community Corrections & Reentry



Alternatives to incarceration, probation/parole, reentry and special populations.

#### Drug Treatment & Enforcement



Housing, community-based treatment, secure facility-based treatment

#### Planning, Evaluation & Technology Improvement



Improvement of criminal record and forensic science systems, information sharing, outcome and program evaluation, strategic planning.

#### Crime Victim & Witness



Human trafficking, restorative justice initiatives, victim services for adults and children.

#### Mental & Behavioral Health



Assessment/evaluation, benefits eligibility/enrollment, crisis intervention team (CIT) training, suicide risk assessments, response and protocols.

#### State Crisis Intervention Programs



State crisis intervention court proceedings or initiatives including mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts and Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs.