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**An Overview of Our Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program**

**What is the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG)?**

The [Byrne Justice Assistance Grant](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview) (Byrne JAG) is a federal criminal justice grant that helps states/territories, tribal nations and local governments meet identified needs and improve the administration of justice. The grant is provided to [insert agency name] through the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

**What are our Priorities for Byrne JAG Funding?**

In 2016, the Justice for All Reauthorization Act was signed into federal law, requiring all states/territories applying for Byrne JAG to complete a statewide strategic plan that addresses planned resource allocation, use of data and implementation of evidence informed practices. A *strategic plan* is a document used to communicate goals, actions needed to achieve those goals and all other critical elements developed during the planning process. Generally, strategic plans aim to address the following questions:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where do we want to go?
3. What specific policies, practices, programs, or other activities should we implement to get us there?
4. Are we following our designated road map and achieving our expected results?

Our Byrne JAG strategic plan, updated every five years, is developed in collaboration with a diverse group of stakeholders, or criminal justice system partners (which can include community members and justice-involved individuals). Stakeholder input, along with data analysis, drive priorities and goals for this funding.

Our agency’s Byrne JAG priorities, as identified by our comprehensive strategic planning process, include the following:

* Insert priorities here.

**Who is Eligible to Apply?**

Outline who is eligible to apply.

**How are Award Decisions Made?**

Every [insert “year” or “two years”] around [insert approx. time of year solicitation is released], we release the Byrne JAG grant opportunity for applicants, which is called [insert name of opportunity, i.e., “Notice of Funding Opportunity” or “Request for Proposal”].

Insert information regarding how subgrant decisions are made.

If an organization is awarded a Byrne JAG subgrant, decisions are typically made around [insert approx. time of year when decisions are made.]

**Prohibited JAG Items**

Some types of items and equipment are either expressly prohibited under Byrne JAG or require certain requirements to be met in order for the item/piece of equipment to be purchased. As mentioned previously, Byrne JAG was created by law, and the statute itself prohibits the purchase of certain items and requires waivers and special permission for others. You can read the full guidance on items prohibited under this federal grant program [here.](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment-guidance) [Insert name of your agency] often receives questions on whether an item can be funded under JAG; here are some of the most commonly asked-after items and whether they are prohibited entirely or require prior approval in order to be funded:

* Insert list of commonly asked-after items that are expressly prohibited under Byrne JAG or that require prior approval/completion of a waiver.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about this grant program and how we administer it, please reach out to [insert grant manager’s name, email and phone number.]