

Key Elements of a Byrne JAG Strategic Plan

Identifying Priorities

- The priorities to be addressed through the allocation of Byrne JAG grant funds are clearly defined.
- The priorities identified are supported with relevant and timely information and data.
- The priorities identified are supported by diverse stakeholders.

Engage Stakeholders

- Engagement Strategy is explained (i.e., survey, planning board, focus group).
- Required stakeholders included: judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, corrections, indigent defense, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections and reentry services. Including non-traditional stakeholders also benefits the plan.
- Input from stakeholders informs plan elements.

Data to Drive Decisions

- Describes the process used by the state for gathering evidence-based data.
- Describes the barriers at the state and local levels for accessing data.
- Data referenced informs the goals and action steps of the plan.

S.M.A.R.T. Goals (supporting the priorities that have been identified)

- Goals outlined in plan are **S**pecific and **M**asurable to address how the grants will improve the administration of the criminal justice system.
- Goals are **A**chievable and **R**elevant to the problem statement.
- Goals are **T**ime Bound by a defined work plan.

Action Steps or Objectives

- The plan defines how resources will be allocated within and among each of the JAG Purpose Areas.
- Describes the process used by the state in support of evidence-based programing and evidence-gathering approaches in support of funding decisions.
- Describes the barriers at the state and local level (if any) for implementing evidence-based approaches to preventing and reducing crime and recidivism.

Outcomes & Performance Measurement

- Desired outcomes for funding are clearly stated.
- Baseline data is defined for performance measurement.
- Metrics to be measured are defined.

Evaluation Strategy

- Identifies how the state will assess changing circumstances, if any, and how the state will adjust funding if needed.
- Provides an ongoing assessment of need, supported by current data, and reflects how the plan influenced funding decisions in the prior year.
- Plan is reviewed annually, and annual report is planned.