



How to Use Byrne Justice Assistance Grants for Juvenile Justice Reform

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WHAT ARE BYRNE GRANTS?

- The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. § 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions.
- In fiscal year 2011, a total of 56 states/territories and 1,483 local jurisdictions were eligible for JAG funds, with a total of \$368.26 million available (approximately \$246 million to states and territories, and \$122 million to local units of government).

WHAT CAN THEY BE USED FOR?

- JAG funds are authorized for a much broader range of programs than they are typically used for. The program is intended to provide states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas, including:
 - law enforcement;
 - prosecution and court programs;
 - prevention and education programs;
 - corrections and community corrections;
 - drug treatment and enforcement;
 - crime victim and witness initiatives; and
 - planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

COMMON USES

- The majority of JAG funds are allocated to law enforcement, prosecution, and drug enforcement activities with the goal of reducing crime.

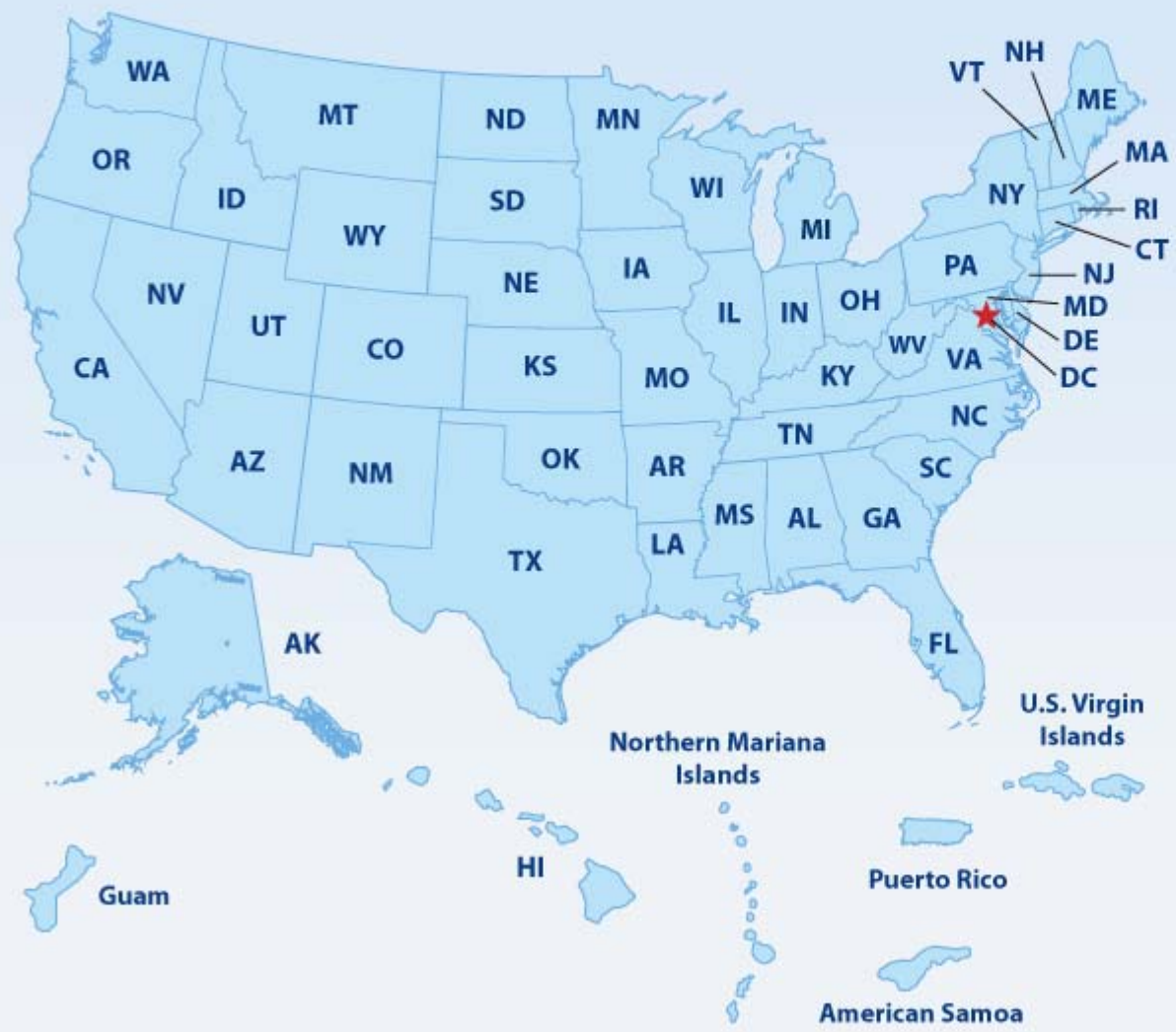
BYRNE GRANTS ARE FORMULA GRANTS

- Determined by crime statistics and population
- States and local governments are eligible if:
 - Report crime statistics to FBI
 - Apply for the grant
 - Use must for one of 7 stated purposes
- 60% distributed to SAA
- 40% directly to local governments

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY

- SAA
 - Governor or other Chief Executive Officer designates an agency, referred to as the State Administering Agency (SAA), to apply for and administer JAG funds.
- The SAA is a critical player in the grant process. The SAA in your state can be found at: <http://ncjp.org/state-agencies>. You can find the lead administrator responsible for the SAA in your state by going to the Office of Justice programs website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm> There, you can click on your state and then scan the list of names for the “Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Contact.”

State Administering Agencies Profile Map



JAG in the News

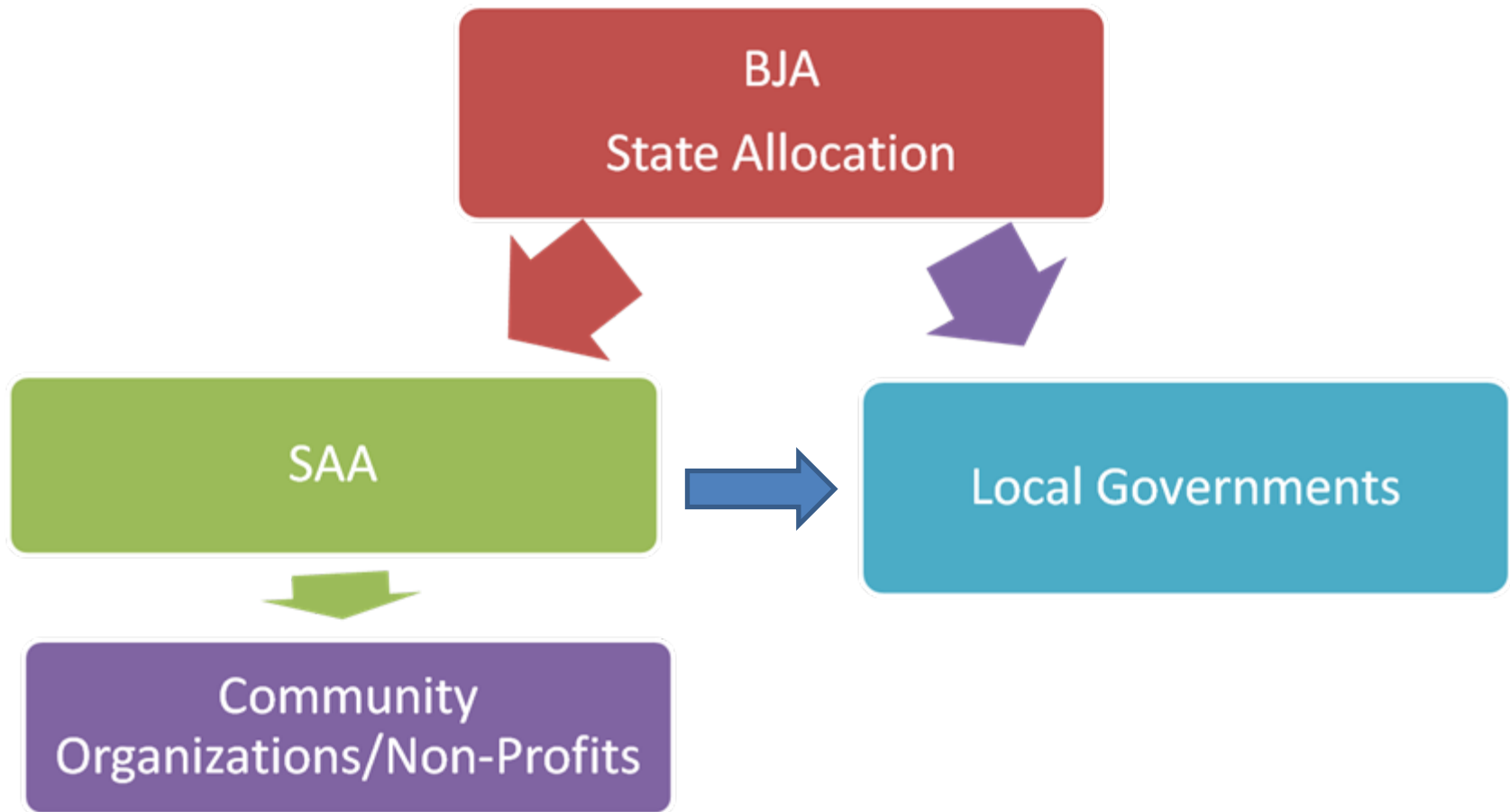
On this page, both national and state-level news involving the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program and the 56 designated State Administering Agencies is highlighted. To explore how Byrne JAG funds are being used by SAAs, click [here](#).

- ◆ Contact Information
- ◆ SAA Organizational Information
- ◆ Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- ◆ Other Grant Programs
- ◆ Promising Programs
- ◆ Training & Technical Assistance
- ◆ Research & Evaluation

NCJA/SAA Highlights

- ◆ Byrne JAG One-Pagers
- ◆ Grant Tracking Sheets
- ◆ EBPP Webinars
- ◆ JAG Funded Innovation

HOW ARE THE GRANTS DISTRIBUTED?



SAA's ROLE

- Sixty percent of a state's JAG allocation is awarded directly to the SAA. The SAA then passes JAG allocations through to local governments, community organizations and other non-profits.
- The SAA is responsible for:
 - Coordinating JAG funds among state and local justice initiatives.
 - Preparing and submitting the state JAG application.
 - Administering JAG funds, including establishing funding priorities, distributing funds, monitoring subgrantees' compliance with all JAG special conditions and provisions, and providing ongoing assistance to subgrantees.
 - Submitting quarterly financial status (SF-425) and performance metrics reports, annual program reports, and annual subgrant information.
 - Ensuring that subgrantees are aware of and in compliance with all programmatic and financial rules through the use of special conditions and subgrantee monitoring.
 - Passing through a pre-determined percentage of funds (based on the "Variable Pass-Through percentage" or "VPT") to local jurisdictions. These percentages change periodically. Updated VPTs can be found at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag11/11JAGvpt.pdf.
 - Administering the pass-through of funds to "less than \$10,000 jurisdictions."

TRACKING GRANT MONEY

- Go to the BJA website and determine the amount allocated directly from BJA to (1) your state and (2) local governments in your state. JAG allocations are public information. You can find current and former JAG solicitations and awards at:

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding.aspx>



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JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM

FY 2012 JAG Application Guidance:

All FY 2012 JAG applications are due May 14, 2012.

- [FY 2012 JAG State and Local Solicitations \(Application Guidance\)](#)
- [FY 2012 JAG State and Local Allocations \(Eligibility Information\)](#)
- [FY 2012 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) \(Updated June 2012\)](#)



Read the [JAG legislation](#).

Quarterly Performance Update Reports:

JAG Program:

- [Task Force Report, January 2011-December 2011](#)
- [Task Force Drug Report, July 2010-June 2011](#)

JAG Recovery Act Program:

- [Task Force Report, January 2011-December 2011](#)
- [Task Force Drug Report, July 2010-June 2011](#)

Overview: The JAG Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and authorized under Public Law 109-162, is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation,

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- [Locate funding opportunities](#)
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- [Access TTARS](#)
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HOW WAS THE MONEY ALLOCATED?

- The second step is to find out how your state spent or allocated its JAG monies. (Remember, your SAA automatically receives 60 percent of the state allocation.) This information should be available from your SAA and should be located on its website (find your SAA's contact information on <http://ncjp.org/state-agencies>). If this information is not published on your SAA's website, call your SAA and ask for a list of the programs, state agencies, local governments, or any other entity to which JAG funds were allocated in the most recent budget cycle, and the amount granted to each.

HOW DO LOCALS USE THE GRANTS?

- 40 percent of a state's allocation is awarded directly to local governments. You will also want to find out how local governments spent or allocated the JAG funds received from your state's SAA. (Your SAA is required to pass through a portion of its JAG allocations to local government.)
- This information may be available on the local government's website and should be reflected in the local government's budget. You may want to call the local government agency responsible for overseeing the JAG allocation. Your first call should be to the local government's treasurer or budget office.

TIME LINE

- **What is the Byrne JAG timeline?**
- It is important to understand the Byrne JAG timeline. Usually, it goes something like this:
 - In February/March, the Bureau of Justice Assistance issues a solicitation to which states and local jurisdictions can respond. (Local governments can get JAG money direct from the BJA and from their SAA.) Their applications are due in June or July. States that fail to apply will not be awarded JAG funds.
 - Recipients are chosen in August or September.
 - Funds are supposed to be available in October, but BJA does not allocate JAG funds until after the federal budget is passed.
 - In November/December, your SAA will invite local jurisdictions to apply for pass-through funds. The SAA must pass through at least the amount established in the Variable Pass-Through (VPT) guidelines (see page 7, above).
 - The cycle begins again the following year.

NOW WHAT?

- YOU HAVE A PROJECT YOU NEED FUNDING FOR
- CAN BYRNE GRANTS BE USED?

Questions?

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

- **Important Resources**
- Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance information page on JAG funds:
https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=59
- BJA grants – current and former: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding.aspx>
- Total Office of Justice Programs awards to your state:
<http://www.ojp.gov/funding/11grantawards.htm>
- Bureau of Justice Assistance Awards – by grant program:
http://www.ojp.gov/funding/FY2011_awards_solicitation.htm
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