

Cornerstone for Justice

Byrne JAG improves public safety and prevents crime in Indiana

The Byrne JAG Program

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program (Byrne JAG) is the cornerstone federal crime-fighting program, a federal-state-local partnership enabling communities to target resources to their most pressing needs.

Byrne JAG can be used broadly for law enforcement, as well as prosecution and courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning evaluation and technology, and crime victim and witness programs. This breadth and flexibility means states and local communities can use Byrne JAG to balance resources and address problems across the entire criminal justice system, and to react quickly to urgent challenges and changing circumstances.

Many innovative criminal justice practices demonstrated using Byrne JAG funds have been replicated nationwide, such as drug courts,

methamphetamine lab reduction, anti-gang strategies, reentry programs and information sharing protocols.

How Byrne JAG Funding is Awarded

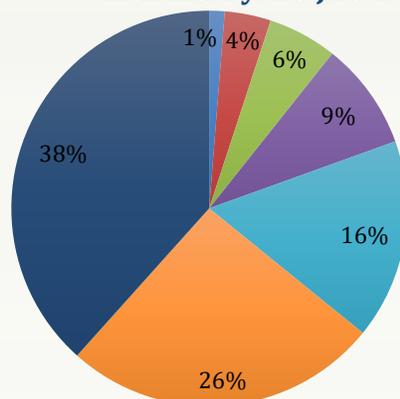
Sixty percent of the overall Byrne JAG grant is awarded to the state criminal justice planning agency (known as State Administrating Agency or SAAs), which, in turn, awards the funding by competitive grant to local governments and non-profit service providers; 40 percent goes directly from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to local law enforcement agencies based on population and FBI crime data. Funding is authorized at \$1.1 billion annually. At its peak in FY02, Congress appropriated \$830 million for the program. In subsequent years, funding held steady at about \$500 million. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in FY09 provided a one-time boost of \$2 billion. Since FY10, funding has dropped by 35 percent. The program is now funded at \$333 million.

Byrne JAG in Indiana

The chart shows the distribution of the Byrne JAG formula grant in Indiana from 2015 to 2017. Some examples of successful programs are:

- Byrne JAG funds supported a network of thirteen multi-jurisdictional taskforces around the state. Taskforces targeted gang activity, underage drinking, and illicit narcotics trafficking, including methamphetamine and heroin.
- Byrne JAG funds supported the purchase of equipment to aid law enforcement to mitigate the high risk of vehicle pursuit and failure to yield situations via car mounted gps trackers and tracker launching devices.
- Byrne JAG funds supported implementation of body worn camera technology to improve law enforcement accountability, evidence collection, and officer safety.
- Byrne JAG funds facilitated implementation of public defender case management programs in Lake, Lawrence, Marion, St. Joseph, and Vigo Counties, in addition to three regional case management programs serving 29 rural counties in Indiana; case managers assisted defendants in accessing substance abuse and mental health treatment in preparation for diversion, sentencing, and re-entry.
- Byrne JAG funds supported free Law Enforcement training on the state and local level with both the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association and the Department of Public Safety.

Indiana Byrne JAG 2015-2017 by Program Area



- Crime Victim & Witness Protection
- Prevention & Education
- Corrections & Community Corrections
- Drug Treatment & Drug Court
- Prosecution, Defense, & Indigent Defense
- Planning, Evaluation, Tech. Improvement
- Law Enforcement & Task Forces



Additional Examples

Byrne JAG funds support:

- The Marion County Prosecutors Office’s Multijurisdictional Offender Strategy Team (MOST). MOST aims to prosecute and prevent property crimes and targets repeat offenders through active monitoring, targeted enforcements, and community awareness efforts.
- The purchase of home detention monitoring equipment for Allen County Community Corrections.
- Technology and equipment to collect information on heroin dealers whose drugs resulted in an overdose, in an effort to address the heroin overdose epidemic in Northwest Indiana.
- Access to the state’s court case management system by facilitating Delaware County’s ability to equip its adult probation department with the necessary technology. This will allow state and county level court data sharing.
- DNA backlog reduction efforts within the Indiana State Police Laboratory Division and the Marion County Forensic Services Agency.
- Dedicated vertical drug prosecutors throughout the state.
- Local, state, and federal collaborative investigations and prosecution of child sexual exploitation crimes in LaPorte County.
- Reentry efforts in Lawrence County in the form of a pre-release treatment program in conjunction with ongoing post release treatment services. This project is a partnership between the Lawrence County Superior Court and Lawrence County Adult Probation.
- The Indiana State Police in obtaining technology to develop three-dimensional images of high risk public buildings, such as schools, in order to aid first responders in the event of an active shooter event.
- Statewide training for safe, legal, and ethical uncover illicit law enforcement drug operations.

Program Area	Number of Programs	3-Year Funding
Crime Victim & Witness Protection	2	\$164,801.00
Prevention & Education	6	\$254,530.00
Corrections & Community Corrections	9	\$603,197.00
Drug Treatment & Drug Court	14	\$436,861.00
Prosecution, Defense, & Indigent Defense	26	\$1,722,428.00
Planning, Evaluation, Tech. Improvement	41	\$3,352,427.00
Law Enforcement & Task Forces	61	\$3,721,020.00
TOTAL	159	10,255,264.00