

# The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

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## A Primer

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## PURPOSE OF WEBINAR

- Purpose of new Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program
- Grantees and allowable uses of funds
- How to apply
- Possible purposes for CESF grants
- Purpose of the Byrne JAG program
- Role of the State Administering Agencies

# CARES ACT FOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

- Signed 3/27/20, the \$2 trillion [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#) to:
  - Stabilize the national economy;
  - Immediate resources to most Americans;
  - Extend unemployment insurance;
  - Relief for industries impacted by social distancing;
  - Aid states and local governments; and,
  - Grants to help communities respond

# CESF GRANT PROGRAM

- Law creates Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF).
- \$850 million through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) *formula* “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally.”
- Congress chose Byrne JAG *formula* as best mechanism to move funding quickly and respond to needs across the justice system.

# CESF FORMULA AND DISTRIBUTION

- Formula based on population and crime rate.
- Distributed by DOJ [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA).
- Under the [CARES Act](#), every state and locality that was eligible for FY19 Byrne JAG funding is eligible to receive an award under CESF.
- Like Byrne JAG, funding flows in two streams:
  - 60 percent to the state
  - 40 percent to certain localities according to formula
  - [Grant amounts posted on BJA's website](#).

# STATE ALLOWABLE GRANTEES

- State formula funds awarded to every state, territory and the District of Columbia.
- Funds administered by each state/territory's State Administering Agency, or SAA.
- [SAA directory](#) on [NCJA website](#).
- Byrne JAG immigration-related conditions do not apply to CESF.
- Applications open through May; will be awarded on rolling basis as quickly as possible.
- View [state allocations](#) on BJA website.

# LOCAL ALLOWABLE GRANTEES

- Every local government is eligible for a direct award from BJA, a sub-award from their SAA, or both.
- CESF awards based on Byrne JAG FFY19 awards.
- Therefore, every city or county that was eligible for a Byrne JAG allocation from BJA in FY19 is eligible to apply for and receive a CESF award under this grant.
- View the [local direct allocations](#) by state.

## LOCAL ALLOWABLE GRANTEES, CONT

- Two differences between CESF and Byrne JAG:
  - CESF awards to city/county pairs disaggregated
  - Byrne JAG immigration-related conditions do not apply to CESF.
- Applications open through May; will be awarded on rolling basis as quickly as possible.

## LOCAL ALLOWABLE GRANTEES, CONT

- In addition, whether or not a local government is receiving a direct award, they can apply to their SAA for a grant.
- Each state's process will differ; SAAs may post process used to accept applications and award grants.
- Non-profit service providers may apply to state or local gov't for CESF grant.

# PERMISSIBLE USE OF GRANT FUNDS

- By using the Byrne JAG formula, Congress intended funds to be flexible and broad. Statute simply states:
  - “\$850 million to remain available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally...”.
- CESF program brings together flexibility of Byrne JAG with direct nexus to coronavirus, with reach beyond justice system if needed.

# PERMISSIBLE USE OF GRANT FUNDS

- [Grant solicitation](#) on Permissible Uses:
  - “Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.”

# APPLICATION TIMING AND PROCESS

- SAAs and local governments who will receive direct award from BJA by mid-June, many sooner.
- Local governments, non-profit service providers, and other state agencies may apply for an award from their SAA.
- Timing and process will vary by state.

# APPLICATION TIMING AND PROCESS

- Some SAAs will set aside reimbursement for personal protective equipment (PPE).
- SAAs may also have competitive application process to consider needs from across the state and justice system.
- Localities can subgrant to service providers.
- Funding is available for 24 months. Able to meet immediate needs and longer-term needs of state and local justice system.

## EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL FUNDING UNDER CESF

- First responder needs, e.g.:
  - PPE for law enforcement, sanitation in jails
- Immediate medical needs allowable, e.g.:
  - Diagnostic tests
  - Costs associated with social distancing in congregant living
- Technology solutions, e.g.:
  - Court operations, e.g., video arraignments
  - Supervision, e.g., smartphone applications

## EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL FUNDING, CONT

- Program solutions, e.g.:
  - With arrests dropping, can test and scale programs:
    - Jail diversion
    - Pretrial citation and release strategies
  - With unscheduled releases accelerating, can test and scale:
    - Supervision during social distancing
    - Referrals to therapy and treatment
    - Referrals to housing
    - Family support services

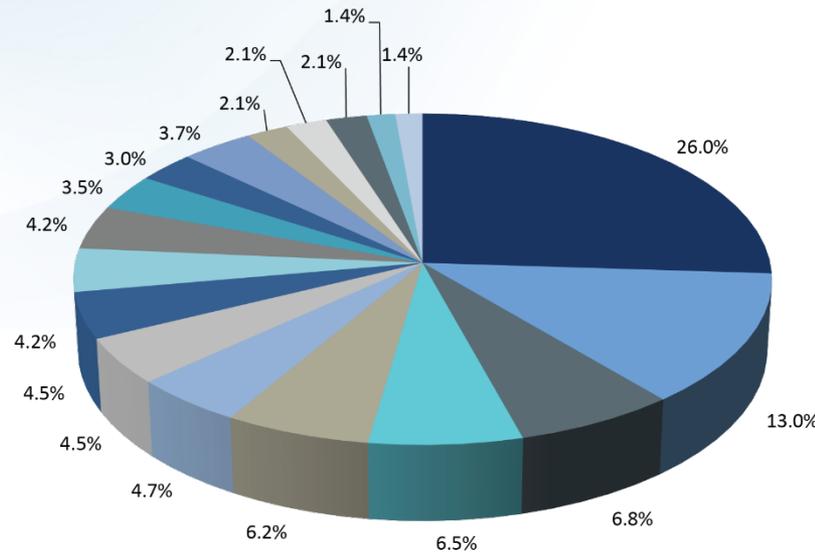
# BYRNE JAG INVESTMENTS AND SAAs

- [Byrne JAG](#) is the cornerstone federal crime-fighting program
- Breadth and flexibility allows communities to focus on most pressing issues
- Guided by statewide strategic planning
- Focus on innovation and scaling promising practices
- Fill gaps and leverage other resources

# BYRNE JAG INVESTMENTS AND SAAs, CONT

- Law allows states/localities to invest broadly:
  - Law enforcement
  - Prosecution
  - Indigent defense
  - Courts
  - Crime prevention and education
  - Corrections and community corrections
  - Drug treatment and enforcement
  - Planning, evaluation, technology improvement,
  - Crime victim and witness initiatives
  - Mental health programs

# BYRNE JAG INVESTMENTS AND SAAs, CONT



- Drug, Gang and Other Task Force Operations/Personnel
- Law Enforcement Personnel and Overtime
- Law Enforcement and Other Training
- Law Enforcement Equipment
- Strategic Planning/Program Evaluation/Grants Administration
- Forensic Services
- Prosecution and Indigent Defense Initiatives
- Criminal History Records
- Corrections and Community Corrections
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Diversion Programs and Pretrial Justice Initiatives
- Crime Prevention Programs, Other
- Specialty Courts
- Reentry Initiatives
- Information Sharing
- Law Enforcement Operations
- Victims Services and Supports
- Other

# ROLE OF THE SAA



Comprehensive  
criminal justice  
planning and policy  
development



Allocate statewide  
resources



Distribute,  
monitor, and  
report on Byrne  
JAG spending



Performance  
Measurement and  
Management



Unique position  
within state  
government with  
access to a wide  
perspective of local  
and state justice  
initiatives

For more information about [the Byrne JAG program](#), the [State Administering Agencies](#), and how states and localities are [investing Byrne JAG](#) funds, visit the [NCJA website](#).

# THANK YOU

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