

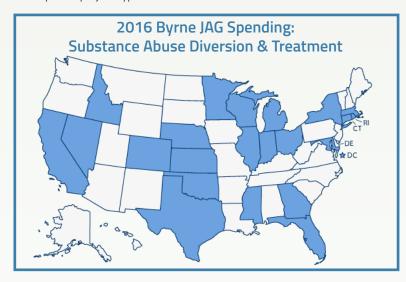
# How States Invest Byrne JAG in Substance Abuse Diversion and Treatment

### The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program

The cornerstone of federal support for state and local justice systems, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program (Byrne JAG) is a federal-state-local partnership enabling communities to target resources to their most pressing local needs. Byrne JAG is used broadly for law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning evaluation and technology, mental health services, 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. The Byrne JAG program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice, provides grant funding to thousands of justice and public safety agencies and initiatives each year. To learn more about Byrne JAG visit: http://www.ncja.org/ncja/policy/about-byrne-jag.

### About the 2016 Byrne JAG Spending Study

Financial estimates and program examples were gathered as part of the 2016 Byrne JAG Spending Study conducted by the National Criminal Justice Association. Financial data was submitted by and qualitative interviews were conducted with all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This information was self-reported and additional states may also use Byrne JAG funds for a specific project type.



## Byrne JAG Support for Drug Diversion & Treatment

Byrne JAG funding supported diversion and treatment programs in at least 23 states, highlighted in dark blue on the map. This was an investment of over \$4 million (not including California) in total Byrne JAG funding in 2016. These initiatives included: jail-based Medicated Assisted Treatment Programs; residential substance abuse programs, drug deflection programs; substance abuse screening programs; and prescription drug misuse prevention efforts.

### **Examples of Substance Abuse Diversion & Treatment Programs**

- Byrne JAG funds support Connecticut's Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, which uses FDA-approved
  medications in combination with evidence-based behavioral therapies to provide a whole-patient approach to treating
  substance use disorders. The MAT program operates in two jail facilities, the New Haven Correctional and Bridgeport
  Correctional centers, and targets pre-trial detainees and inmates battling substance use disorders.
- In Ohio funds support prevention, education and enforcement efforts aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse. Counties collaborate with health care professionals increase awareness and preparedness when dealing with front line encounters involving pharmaceutical drug seekers, abusers and traffickers. Enforcement efforts are dedicated to identifying and prosecuting offenders.



Byrne JAG grants are a catalyst for collaboration within communities and across states. This cross-jurisdictional model is being replicated across the country to tackle cross-boundary crimes, like drug and human trafficking and cyber crime, while saving money and increasing efficiency.

- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funds provide support for three local police departments in the development of drug deflection programs. Individuals suffering from substance use disorders either voluntarily contact the police department or are put into direct contact via outreach efforts. Individuals are then offered substance use disorder treatment without fear of arrest. Law enforcement officials provide participants with referrals and transportation to treatment facilities.
- In Oklahoma, Byrne JAG funds provide support for a residential substance abuse treatment program at Elk City Community Work Center, through the OK Department of Corrections. Treatment focuses on relapse prevention and reintegration using cognitive behavioral therapy and is operated within prison correctional centers as well as community work centers.
- Byrne JAG funds in Maryland support the Wicomico County Department of Correction's Medication Assisted Treatment program which helps high risk individuals succeed in recovery by assisting with the transition from substance abuse treatment during incarceration to community-based treatment, recovery housing, community support and other recovery supportive resources.
- In Massachusetts, Byrne JAG funds help support residential drug treatment in correctional settings. A combination of Byrne JAG and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) dollars provide services in 10 local jails and in one Department of Corrections facility.
- Byrne JAG funds in Georgia support a state residential substance abuse treatment (RSAT) program at Coastal State Prison. Coastal's RSAT program diverts qualifying offenders sentenced to two years or less of prison time to

- three and six-month residential substance abuse treatment programs, followed by community supervision and aftercare.
- In Florida, Byrne JAG funds support the implementation of a statewide substance abuse screening program run by the Department of Corrections that prioritizes inmates on a statewide list for substance abuse programs. The agency uses Byrne JAG funds, in conjunction with the state's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment funds to support the direction of substance abuse treatment activities at designated institutions that focus on the addiction and recovery process, criminal thinking, interpersonal relationships, relapse prevention, values, problem solving, defense mechanisms and changing maladaptive thinking patterns.

### 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 the State Administrating Agency or SAA), which, in turn, awards the funding, to local governments and non-profit service providers; the remaining 40 percent goes directly from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to local communities based on population and crime data.

Funding is authorized at \$1.1 billion annually. At its peak in FY02, Congress appropriated \$830 million. 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 about one-third. In FY17 the program was funded at \$335 million.

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Byrne JAG funds to address needs and fill
gaps across the entire justice system —
in prevention, enforcement, courts,
prosecution, indigent defense, corrections,
crisis intervention and behavioral health
services, victim assistance, and other
community-based supports and services.

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