



Cornerstone for Justice: How New Hampshire Uses Byrne JAG Funding to Protect Public Safety and Prevent Crime

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. Many innovative criminal justice practices demonstrated using Byrne JAG funds have been replicated nationwide, such as drug courts, opioid prevention and addiction response, methamphetamine lab reduction, anti-gang strategies, reentry programs and information sharing protocols.

Byrne JAG in New Hampshire:

In 2016, the New Hampshire Department of Justice invested in numerous successful initiatives. Some examples include:

- The Attorney General's Task Force which has been in place since 1986. This task force provides statewide coverage and support to local law enforcement in the investigation of street level drug crime. The Task Force works in coordination with the efforts of other drug enforcement entities such as, the State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Group. Currently, the task force is focused on the northern and western rural areas of the state with emphasis on combating heroin, prescription drugs and cocaine.
 - Byrne JAG funds support community policing programs such as the Mounted Patrol Unit. The units serve two of New Hampshire's largest cities. Funding supports two officer positions and two horses in each of the cities.
 - Byrne JAG funds support the purchase of contraband dogs for correctional facilities.
- Byrne JAG funding keeps citizens safe, prevents crime and victimization, and provides services to individuals in the justice system so when they return to their communities they are equipped with the tools and skills they need to build productive lives.
- Byrne JAG funding is used to support a scholarship fund which allows court personnel to attend a regional drug court conference.

New Hampshire's Investment By Purpose Area

Total Investment = \$749,245

69%



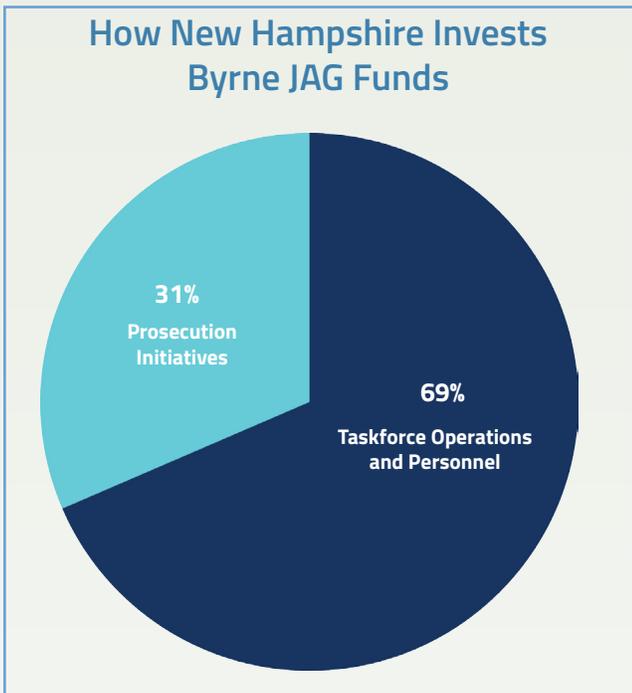
Law Enforcement

31%



Prosecution & Courts

How New Hampshire Invests Byrne JAG Funds



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.

Byrne JAG supports the federal government’s crucial role in spurring innovation and testing and replicating evidence-based practices nationwide. States and local communities use Byrne JAG funds to address needs and fill gaps across the entire justice system.

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.

This funding touches nearly every city and town in America through projects funded and investments made in the state and local justice systems.

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