

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.

- Byrne JAG funds in North Dakota support a network of 16 domestic violence programs across the state. Run by local non-profits, these service providers assist the victims of domestic violence with shelter support, counseling, education, accompaniment, and advocacy services and help with victim's compensation when appropriate.
- In Massachusetts, funds support a network of victims' advocates in 20 courts throughout the state. Byrne JAG funds, blended with those from the MA Office of Victims Assistance, support court advocate training helping victims navigate the paperwork associated with obtaining restraining orders, protective orders and child support orders.
- In Ohio Byrne JAG is blended with VAWA funds to support a variety of domestic violence prevention initiatives across the state including a cyber-stalking investigator position, domestic violence advocates, case management, crisis hot-lines, shelter services and child advocacy centers.
- In Pennsylvania, Byrne JAG support the statewide implementation of the Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). LAP partners law enforcement agencies with domestic violence programs. Police officers ask a series of screening questions to intimate partner domestic violence victims and ensure that victims receive access to domestic violence counseling services. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides oversight to the project. In 2017, LAP was implemented in 43 of 67 PA counties, with 45 domestic violence agencies partnering with 277 law enforcement agencies. Since 2012, LAP has provided access to domestic violence program services to more than 5,600 victims.

- Byrne JAG funds in Kansas support staff for the KS Department of Corrections (KDOC) Office of Victim Services, which provides confidential support and information to victims, survivors, and witnesses to crimes in which the offender was sentenced to the KDOC.
- In Missouri, Byrne JAG funds support the MO Office of Prosecution Services Witness Protection Program. The Witness Protection Program provides security to witnesses, potential witnesses and their immediate families in criminal proceedings or investigations pending against a person alleged to have violated a state law. Providing safety for witnesses may include provision of housing and for the health, safety and welfare of witnesses and their immediate families, if testimony by a witness might subject the witness or an immediate family member to danger of bodily injury, and may continue so long as such danger exists. Costs associated with this project can include, but are not limited to: housing costs, hotel nights, meals and/ or transportation or mileage. These costs are important to this program due to the need for witnesses to be relocated or receive temporary housing during the duration of a case that is working through the criminal 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 Administering 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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