



State Support for Law Enforcement Training

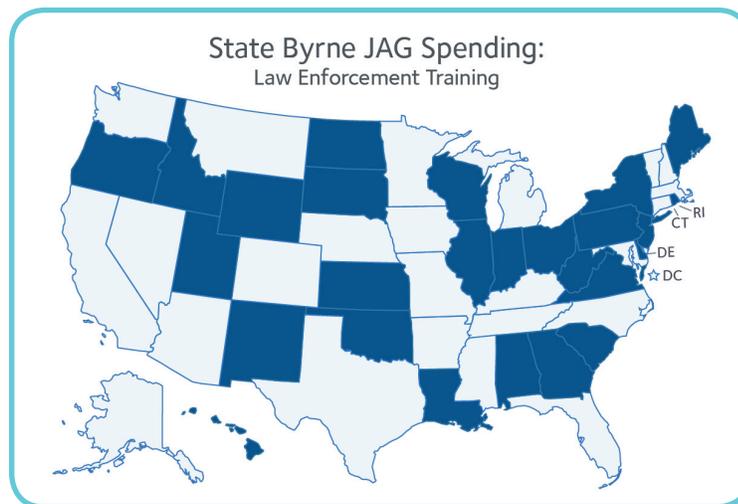
State Formula Spending for the Byrne JAG Program

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 for their most pressing local needs. The Byrne JAG program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, provides grant funding to thousands of justice and public safety agencies and projects each year. Sixty percent of the overall Byrne JAG funding goes through the state criminal justice planning agencies known as State Administering Agencies (SAAs) while the remaining 40 percent goes to local direct award recipients. Designed to be flexible, Byrne JAG funds are used for a wide variety of public safety programming from prevention through reentry. To learn more about Byrne JAG, visit ncjp.org/byrne_jag.

Byrne JAG Support for Law Enforcement Training Programs

The 26 states highlighted in dark blue on the map below are among the states that reported using Byrne JAG funding for law enforcement training in 2013-2014. These training projects include the establishment of training centers of excellence that teach law enforcement about evidence-based practices and community supervision; online training networks; police academy trainings; and hate crime trainings. Please note, this information is self-reported and there may be additional states using Byrne JAG funds for this purpose.



Examples of Law Enforcement Training Projects

- In Oregon, Byrne JAG funds support the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's establishment of the Center for Policing Excellence within the Public Safety Academy. This training center develops and delivers training and technical assistance to local law enforcement on evidence based policing and community supervision practices. The Center for Policing Excellence

ABOUT BYRNE JAG

The Byrne JAG program was funded at \$376 million in FY14. For many years funding levels hovered around \$500 million. Since FY10 funding for the program has been cut by one-third in the name of deficit reduction.

BYRNE JAG & LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

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was created as part of the state's 2013 Justice Reinvestment legislation and will help state law enforcement officers enhance the use of evidence based deterrence, enforcement and interdiction strategies.

- In Pennsylvania, Byrne JAG funds support the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (PAVTN), which is a collaborative effort between the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission. PAVTN provides online training for Pennsylvania's criminal justice community and delivers content to a large audience at a lower cost than traditional classroom delivery. At the beginning of 2015, PAVTN had 13,000 registered users and 31 active courses, divided into four areas of study; mandatory in-service, investigations, program and services, and roll call trainings. Byrne JAG funds continue to support the operation and expansion of the PAVTN.
- In Rhode Island, Byrne JAG is used to support the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy (RIMPTA) that provides in-service and continuing education training for state law enforcement agencies. Examples of trainings in 2013 and 2014 include advance baton use, advance report writing, autism and law enforcement response, auto theft, domestic terrorism, CPR/AED, gang recognition and hand fighting tactics.
- In Rhode Island, Byrne JAG also supports hate crime training for law enforcement provided by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches. Training focuses on the definition of a hate crime versus civil rights violations, how to recognize the differences and how to respond as a law enforcement officer.

2013-2014 Byrne JAG Spending Study

Financial estimates and program examples were gathered as part of the 2013-2014 Byrne JAG Spending Study conducted by the NCJA Center for Justice Planning. Financial data was submitted by and qualitative interviews were conducted with all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

