



State Support for Human Trafficking Initiatives

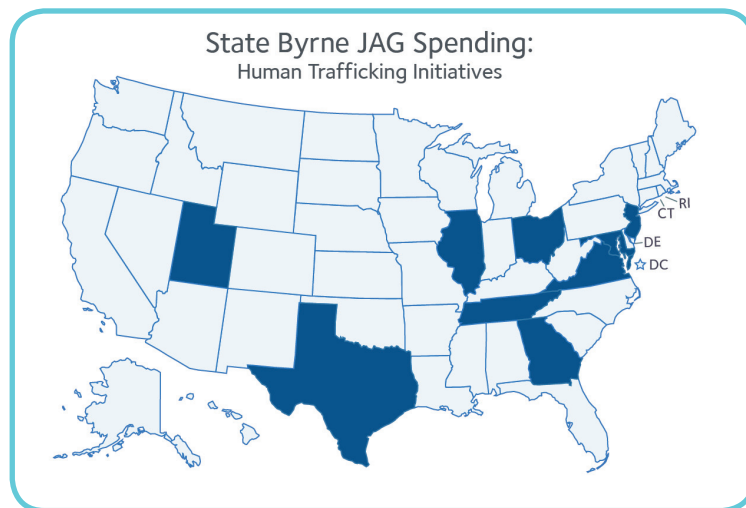
State Formula Spending for the Byrne JAG Program

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 to 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 Human Trafficking Initiatives

The 9 states highlighted in dark blue on the map below are among the states that reported using Byrne JAG funding for human trafficking related projects in 2013-2014. These initiatives include prevention and awareness programs; trafficking prevention task forces; and information sharing improvement projects. Please note, this information is self-reported and there may be additional states using Byrne JAG funds for this purpose.



Examples of Human Trafficking Projects

- In Georgia, Byrne JAG funds support training school personnel in the Clayton County Public School System in identifying juvenile trafficking victims and other at-risk juveniles.
- In Maryland, Byrne JAG funds support a human trafficking prevention and awareness initiative sponsored by a local non-profit in Talbot County.

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 & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

At least 9 states fund human trafficking related initiatives with the state formula portion of Byrne JAG funding. These initiatives include prevention and awareness programs; trafficking prevention task forces; and information-sharing improvement projects.



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- In New Jersey, Byrne JAG funds support Criminal Justice Information System improvement projects, including development of a Human Trafficking Tip and Leads System. The system enhances the ability of law enforcement and prosecution personnel to collect, identify, track and solve cases through smart phone handheld applications.
- In Ohio, Byrne JAG funds support anti-human trafficking education and awareness initiatives through the Salvation Army. The goal of the Salvation Army's effort is to prevent human trafficking through public awareness, service to trafficked persons and training for law enforcement. Funding covers a coordinator position and supplies.
- In Tennessee, Byrne JAG funds support statewide trainings on human trafficking for law enforcement, Department of Children's Services staff and Child Advocacy Center and community supervision agents. Provided by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the training focuses on spreading awareness, helping individuals detect possible cases of trafficking and understanding best practices related to working with trafficked individuals.
- In Texas, Byrne JAG funds are being used to support the Office of the Attorney General's Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force. Human trafficking by criminal enterprises is a serious and growing threat to Texas. Since its inception, the Task Force has been able to advance statewide efforts of collaboration, communication, and cooperation with local, state, and federal partners in combating human trafficking.
- In Utah, Byrne JAG funds support anti-human trafficking efforts through the Utah Attorney General's Office. Specifically, funds support the enforcement arm of the statewide Anti-Human Trafficking task force. The task force receives both Byrne JAG funds and dedicated state funding through the SAA's office.

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.