



# State Support for Information Sharing Initiatives

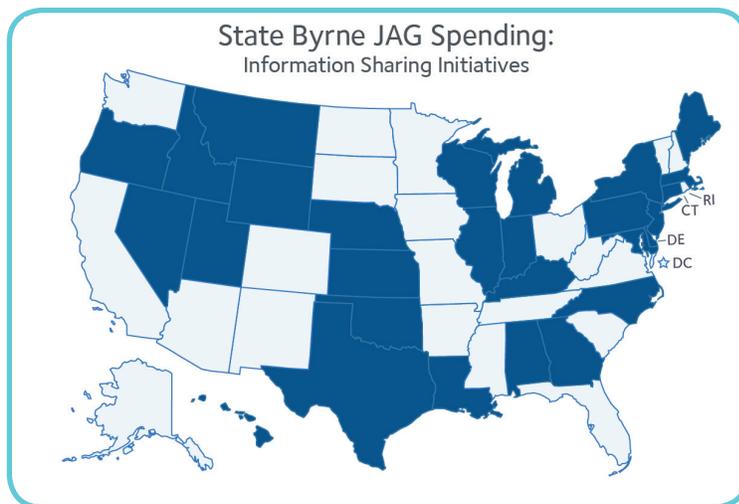
## State Formula Spending for the Byrne JAG Program

### 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](http://ncjp.org/byrne_jag).

### Byrne JAG Support for Information Sharing Initiatives

The 28 states highlighted in dark blue on the map below are among the states that reported using Byrne JAG funding for information sharing projects in 2013–2014. These initiatives include case management systems; data exchange projects; law enforcement and corrections information sharing projects; and crime analysis centers. Please note, this information is self-reported and there may be additional states using Byrne JAG funds for this purpose.



### Examples of Information Sharing Projects

- In Connecticut, Byrne JAG funding is used for a public defender juvenile case management information system to transform the manual process into an electronic system to store case data, track case disposition and outcome data, manage schedules, route communications and generate reports.

#### 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 & INFORMATION SHARING

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- In Illinois Byrne JAG funding was used for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's State, County and Local Collaboration and Data Exchange Project. This project brings together Illinois's criminal justice and information technology leaders on the most current national information sharing standards models and comprehensive solutions.
- In Maine, Byrne JAG funding supported the development of a statewide training and records system, including the development of infrastructure for storing licensing and training records. The records are hosted and managed by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) for every correctional officer, law enforcement officer, and dispatcher within the state. The database allows every Maine criminal justice agency to utilize the standardized training records database for local training records, including training taken at MCJA.
- In Maryland, Byrne JAG funds the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients Inc. (CRISP) statewide implementation of a prescription drug monitoring system. The CRISP membership corporation is a secure, electronic statewide health information exchange that allows authorized healthcare providers in Maryland secure access to essential patient health information. The Maryland Health Care Commission has formally designated the CRISP system as Maryland's statewide health information exchange.
- In Nevada, Byrne JAG funds support information sharing efforts between the State Department of Corrections (DOC) and local law enforcement. Funds provide access to GangNet software and an analyst position which allow the DOC to submit and retrieve information on known gang members throughout the state and in adjacent states. Byrne JAG funds also support a prosecution position in the Clark County District Attorney's Gang Unit.
- In New York, Byrne JAG funds support Crime Analysis Centers (CACs) throughout the state. These projects provide staff, resources, training, and guidance in developing effective intelligence-led crime reduction strategies and improving local crime analysis capabilities. A primary goal of the CACs is to facilitate information sharing and provide timely and accurate data that law enforcement agencies can use to identify patterns, deploy resources, and reduce crime within their own multi-jurisdictional region and throughout the state. In addition to the CACs already operating in Albany, Broome, Erie, Monroe, and Onondaga Counties, a new center recently opened in Franklin County to focus on issues related to the state's five-county Northern Border region (along the US-Canada border), and a center has also recently opened in Niagara County that will address such international border issues.
- In North Carolina, Byrne JAG funding is used for the Enhanced Data Integration Solution, through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Investigation and North Carolina Data Exchange. The Solution is making legacy incident and arrest data previously stored at local levels available to the entire law enforcement community. The data will be made available for investigative, analytical, and other law enforcement related purposes.
- In Oregon, Byrne JAG funding will be used to improve and update the Oregon Treatment Court Management System. This management information system will assist with improving court performance and accountability, data collection, grant monitoring and future drug court evaluation.



- In Pennsylvania, Byrne JAG funding was used to upgrade the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Integra-ID Archive System which provides a secure, centralized data storage and retrieval system for the Pennsylvania State Police. In addition, Byrne JAG funds are continuing to support the development and deployment of the Mobile ID Gateway System. This system will provide a quick response to a Police Officer's identification requests.
- In Texas, Byrne JAG has funded information sharing efforts through various Anti-Gang initiatives, to include two Anti-Gang Centers located in the Houston and Dallas, Texas areas. These centers ensure colocation of involved federal, state and local agencies and focus on information sharing and coordinated enforcement efforts related to gangs and gang members as they move between communities within the state. In Texas, Byrne JAG funding is being used to update the Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Records Management System to a paperless incident-based reporting system. A new system, built with state-of-the-art technologies, will place Texas in a leadership role for national data sharing in issues of crime data and homeland security.
- In Wisconsin, Byrne JAG funds support the development of the Comprehensive Outcome, Research, and Evaluation (CORE) Reporting System, a web-based data collection and reporting system for use by specialty courts and pre-trial diversion programs funded through Byrne JAG and the state's Treatment Alternatives to Diversion (TAD) program. This new data management will give researchers a unified data set upon which to build their evaluation efforts.

## 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.