



State Support for Reentry, Recidivism Reduction and Alternatives to Incarceration

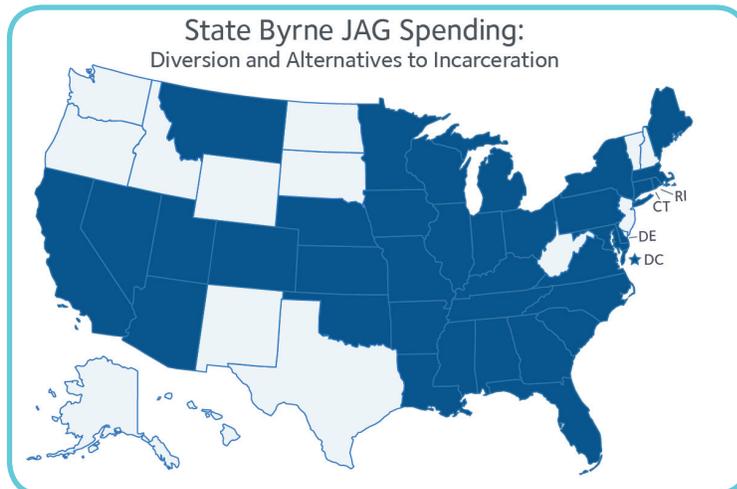
State Formula Spending for the Byrne JAG Program

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 Reentry, Recidivism Reduction and Alternatives to Incarceration Initiatives

The 37 states highlighted in dark blue on the map below are among the states that reported using Byrne JAG funding for reentry, recidivism reduction or alternatives to incarceration projects in 2013-2014. These initiatives include halfway houses, day reporting centers, residential and community drug treatment programs, speciality court dockets, community supervision, intervention programs, diversion programs and vocational and life skills classes to support successful reentry. Please note, this information is self-reported and there may be additional states using Byrne JAG funds for this purpose.



Examples of Reentry, Recidivism Reduction and Alternatives to Incarceration Projects

- In Arizona, Byrne JAG funds support a number of anti-drug adjudication projects in the state through the Arizona Supreme Court. These projects expedite processing and adjudication of drug cases through the superior court system and enhances community correction efforts to supervise, monitor, and treat drug

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 & REENTRY, RECIDIVISM AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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offenders. In FY 2014, funded projects supported 2,034 drug court participants, with 124 graduating during the fiscal year. There were 14,158 probationers served during FY 2014, with 1,630 probationers submitting to drug tests and 2,034 receiving drug treatment. During FY 2014, over 16,000 drug tests were performed, with 97.4 percent coming back negative. Also, 1,636 indigent defendants were provided legal services for drug-related offenses. In FY 2014 1,959 drug court participants, or 96 percent, successfully completed the program.

- In Florida, Byrne JAG funding supports the Pinellas County Jail Diversion Expansion, a one year sub-grant for assessments, treatment and case management for the Pinellas County Mentally Ill Jail Diversion program. The program engages ex-offenders who have mental health and/or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and provides treatment and case management assistance to them immediately upon release from jail or at the end of their prison sentence.
- In Georgia, Byrne JAG is blended with RSAT funding to support reentry and drug treatment services through the Coastal Prison Strategic Intervention Program (SIP), a Department of Corrections initiative. SIP diverts qualifying offenders sentenced to two years or less of prison time to three and six month residential substance abuse treatment programs, followed by community supervision and aftercare.
- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funding piloted the Adult Redeploy Illinois program, which provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions that treat offenders in the community instead of in prison. The program is based on the juvenile model, which has been operating since 2004 with positive results.
- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funding supports the University of Chicago Crime Lab's Juvenile Intervention and Support Center Evaluation project. This is a pre-court assessment, diversion and treatment program for youthful offenders focused on alternatives to incarceration.
- In Iowa Byrne JAG funds support a diversion program through the First Judicial District targeting repeat operating-while-intoxicated (OWI) offenders. The program targets offenders facing prison sentences due to repeat OWI's. Instead of prison, these individuals were diverted to residential substance abuse services. Byrne JAG funds helped support the program's assessment and referral process.
- In Louisiana, Byrne JAG funds were used for an adult and juvenile pretrial diversion intervention program in the 36th Judicial District's Attorney's Office. This program serves a rural area of the state with limited community resources and provides drug testing and supervision. These programs have provided prevention skills and education to youth and adults as well as appropriate services and case-management that have resulted in reduced recidivism.
- In Michigan, Byrne JAG funds support the Straits Area Youth Promotion Academy (SAYPA) in Cheboygan County. SAYPA is a day prevention program for adjudicated delinquents 13-18 years of age. The program combines education, nutrition, and treatment services designed to address undesired behavior, teach valuable life skills, and restore them to the community.
- In Minnesota, Byrne JAG funds Resource Inc. a community reentry program in Hennepin County. This agency provides assessment, referral, and transition services for men and women offenders from the Hennepin County workhouse. In addition, Emerge, a local nonprofit located in North Minneapolis pro-



vides pre-release and re-entry case management services as well as employment services to individuals within the Hennepin Adult Correctional Facility.

- In Minnesota, Byrne JAG funds Men as Peacemakers (MAP) non-profit in Duluth. This agency focuses on providing innovative tools to shape equitable social environments and inspire individuals to create a world free from violence against women and children. MAP's programming has engaged over 45,000 men with women in sexual and domestic violence prevention and recruited 2,200 community members to work with 5,175 youth to successfully reduce violence. Specifically funding provided restorative pre-release and re-entry services with both the St. Louis County Jail and North East Regional Correctional Center for offenders convicted of domestic violence related charges.
- In Mississippi, Byrne JAG supports implementation of 12 new adult and juvenile drug court dockets throughout the state and implementation assistance available through The Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP). In addition to certification, MADCP will ensure that the dockets are implemented with fidelity to the national drug court model.
- In New York Byrne JAG funds support the District Attorney of New York's Community Partnership program which seeks to coordinate law enforcement, social services agencies, and community leaders to identify individuals at risk of incarceration, or re-incarceration, and implement strategies to keep these individuals from re-offending.
- In North Carolina, Byrne JAG supported the development and implementation of a targeted "Project Reentry" curriculum for female inmates serving 90-day sentences in Fountain Correctional Center for Women and reentry projects in Goodwill Catawba County and Edgecombe County to provide an array of services to ex-offenders including substance abuse prevention and treatment, educational opportunities, employability services, mentoring and coaching, faith-based networking and family reunification.
- In North Carolina, Byrne JAG funds also support Reentry Day Treatment through Leading Into New Communities (LINC) Inc., which aims to reduce recidivism through intensive case management, cognitive behavioral interventions, substance abuse treatment, vocational education and training and employment experience for up to 80 clients at a time, averaging 6 to 8 months per person.
- In Oklahoma, Byrne JAG funding supports one residential substance abuse treatment program located at the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite within the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC). Treatment focuses on relapse prevention and reintegration using cognitive behavioral therapy. One of the goals of the program is to demonstrate a reduction in recidivism rates for Oklahoma State Reformatory programmatic completions based on rates established by the ODOC Survival Analysis. Six other similar programs (including 2 women's facilities) within ODOC are currently funded with an RSAT grant.
- In Pennsylvania, Byrne JAG funds support innovative reentry programs in the state such as a program through the Employment Opportunity & Training Center (EOTC) of Northeastern Pennsylvania for underserved men incarcerated at the Lackawanna County Prison. The project provides collaborative transition planning for targeted inmates 45 to 60 days prior to release and curriculum on a variety of issues like parenting and healthy relationships, addictions recovery and workplace and consumer skills.



- In Pennsylvania, the Community College of Philadelphia's Reentry Support Project initiative uses Byrne JAG funds to expand services from the college campus into the prison to support the educational goals of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. This expansion allows the Reentry Support Project to provide on-campus services to individuals recently released from the Philadelphia Prison System; and expand a prison-based higher education program for individuals in the Philadelphia Prison System to include women.
- In Rhode Island, Byrne JAG funds the Department of Corrections family reunification programming focusing on education for inmates returning to the community within six months. Trained professional counselors provide individual and group counseling, as well as case management services to high risk of-fenders and their families. All families are also linked with post release programs.
- In Rhode Island, Byrne JAG funds the Rhode Island Department of Corrections Recidivism Reduction project. Through a multidisciplinary approach, effective intervention involving probation and parole of-ficers is provided to those at high risk of re-offending.
- In Utah, Byrne JAG funding supports the Utah Employment Placement Project. Serving Utah, Salt Lake, Davis and Weber counties, the vocational rehabilitation program was designed to work with ex-offend-ers on parole or probation. By providing this population with a focused and comprehensive case manage-ment based vocational program, the Utah Department of Corrections aims to mitigate the risk factors associated with chronic unemployment while also reducing recidivism.
- In Virginia, Byrne JAG funds support the Drive to Work program, which assists low income and previously incarcerated persons to restore their driving privileges.
- Byrne JAG funding supports the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association, which represents local probation and pretrial services agencies. The Association received continuation funding for its research to identify best probation practices to reduce recidivism and develop evidence-based performance measures for local probation programs.

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.