



State Support for Sex Offender Management Initiatives

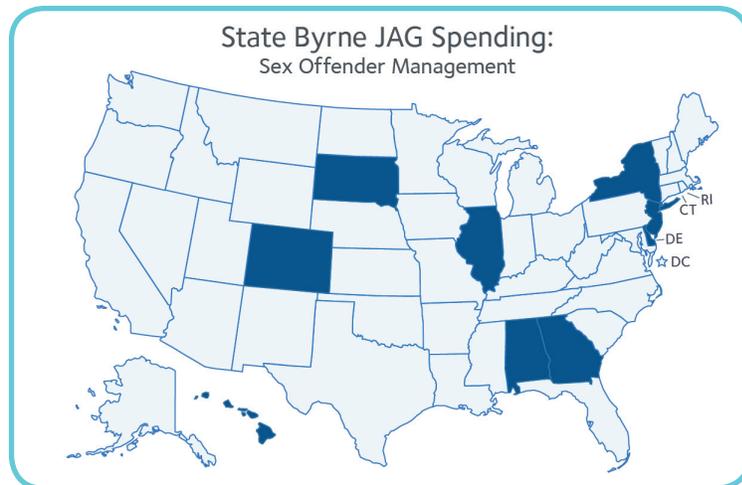
State Formula Spending for the Byrne JAG Program

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 Sex Offender Management Initiatives

The 9 states highlighted in dark blue on the map below are among the states that reported using Byrne JAG funding for sex offender management related projects in 2013-2014. These initiatives include services and treatment for juvenile offenders; training for sex offender management professionals; and specialized treatment courts. Please note, this information is self-reported and there may be additional states using Byrne JAG funds for this purpose.



Examples of Sex Offender Management Projects

- In Colorado, Byrne JAG funds support pre-sentence assessment and treatment services for juvenile first-time offenders accused of sexual offenses, where no other source of funding is available. The project will allow the District Attorney to more accurately assess the risk level of juveniles accused of first-time sexual offenses, to assure they get appropriate supervision and treatment, and prevent them from moving deeper into the criminal justice system.

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 & SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

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- In Delaware, Byrne JAG funds pay for a public defender to work specifically with juveniles who are eligible for release from mandatory sex offender registration.
- In Hawaii, Byrne JAG funds support an expansion of a new web-based training program in the Department of Public Safety which will focus on enhancing the professional competencies of Hawaii's sex offender management professionals in order to reduce offender recidivism.
- In Illinois, Byrne JAG funds support community supervision of sexual offenders through Coles and Cumberland County Court Services. The program provides effective probation and enhanced clinical intervention.
- In New York, Byrne JAG funds support public defense projects in Erie, Onondaga, Monroe, Nassau, and Suffolk counties, as well as in New York City. These projects include representation of those charged with sex crimes in a specialized Sex Offender court.
- In South Dakota, Byrne JAG funds support sex offender identification, management, treatment and community supervision through the South Dakota Department of Corrections. This initiative aims to ensure that offenders are following all state statutes as they relate to sex offender registration and notification.

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.

