



## Cornerstone for Justice: How Indiana Uses Byrne JAG Funding to Protect Public Safety and Prevent Crime

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.

Byrne JAG is used broadly for law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning evaluation and technology, mental health services, and crime victim and witness programs. This breadth and flexibility means states and local communities can use Byrne JAG to balance resources and address problems across the entire criminal justice system, and to react quickly to urgent challenges and changing circumstances. Many innovative criminal justice practices demonstrated using Byrne JAG funds have been replicated nationwide, such as drug courts, opioid prevention and addiction response, methamphetamine lab reduction, anti-gang strategies, reentry programs and information sharing protocols.

### Byrne JAG in Indiana:

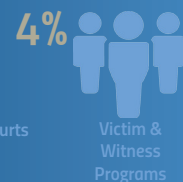
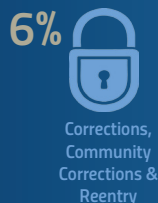
In 2016, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute invested in numerous successful initiatives. Some examples include:

- A network of 13 multijurisdictional taskforces throughout the state. These taskforces target gang activity, underage drinking, and illicit narcotics trafficking, including methamphetamine and heroin.
- Byrne JAG funds supported the purchase of equipment to aid law enforcement to mitigate the high risk of vehicle pursuit and failure to yield situations using car mounted GPS trackers and tracker launching devices.
- Byrne JAG funds facilitated the implementation of public defender case management programs in Lake Lawrence, Marion, St. Joseph and Vigo counties in addition to three regional case management programs serving 29 rural counties in Indiana. Case managers assist defendants in accessing substance abuse and mental health treatment in preparation for diversion, sentencing and reentry.
- Dedicated vertical drug prosecutors throughout the state.
- Byrne JAG funds supported the implementation of body worn camera technology to improve law enforcement accountability, evidence collection and officer safety.
- Law enforcement training for state and local officers with the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association and the Department of Public Safety.

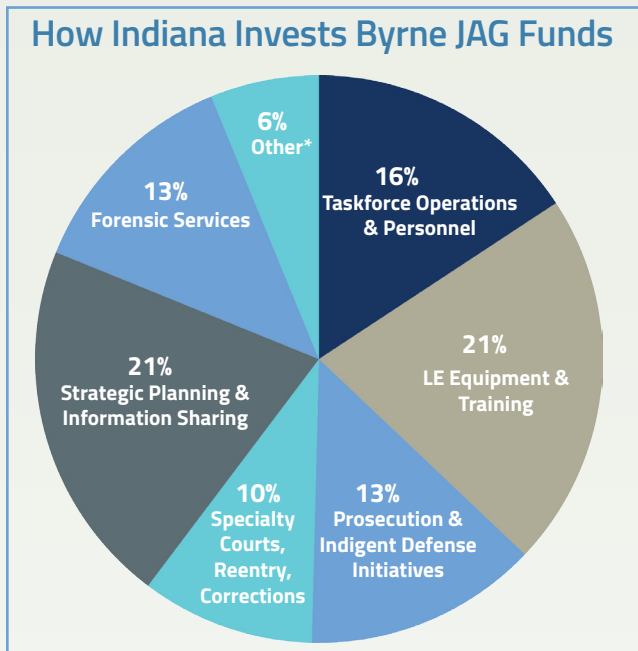
Byrne JAG keeps citizens safe, prevents crime and victimization, and provides services to individuals in the justice system so when they return to their communities they are better equipped with the tools and skills they need to build productive lives and not return to the criminal justice system.

### Indiana's Investment By Purpose Area

Total Investment = \$3,029,471



## How Indiana Invests Byrne JAG Funds



\* Other includes: Law Enforcement Personnel & Overtime, Law Enforcement Operations, Criminal History Records, and Mental Health and Substance Use Diversion programs.

## Additional Examples:

- The Marion County Prosecutor’s Office Multijurisdictional Offender Strategy Team (MOST) aims to prosecute and prevent property crimes and target repeat offenders through active monitoring, targeted enforcements and community awareness efforts.
- Technology and equipment to collect information on heroin dealers whose drugs resulted in an overdose in Northwest Indiana.
- Access to the state’s court case management system by facilitating Delaware County’s ability to equip its adult probation department with the necessary technology. This will allow state and county level court data sharing.
- DNA backlog reduction efforts within the Indiana State Police Laboratory Division and the Marion County Forensic Services Agency.
- Reentry efforts in Lawrence County in the form of a pre-release treatment program in conjunction with ongoing post release treatment services. This project is a partnership between the Lawrence County Superior Court and Lawrence County Adult Probation.

- Local, state and federal collaborative investigations and prosecutions of child sexual exploitation of crime in La-Porte County.
- The Indiana State Police in obtaining technology to develop three-dimensional images of high risk public buildings, such as schools, in order to aid first responders in the event of an active shooter event.

## How Byrne JAG Funding is Awarded:

Sixty percent of the overall Byrne JAG grant is awarded to the state criminal justice planning agency (known as the State Administering Agency or SAA), which, in turn, awards the funding, to local governments and non-profit service providers; the remaining 40 percent goes directly from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to local communities based on population and crime data.

Funding is authorized at \$1.1 billion annually. At its peak in FY02, Congress appropriated \$830 million. In subsequent years, funding held steady at about \$500 million. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in FY09 provided a one-time boost of \$2 billion. Since FY10, funding has dropped by about one-third. In FY17 the program was funded at \$335 million.

Byrne JAG supports the federal government’s crucial role in spurring innovation and testing and replicating evidence-based practices nationwide. States and local communities use Byrne JAG funds to address needs and fill gaps across the entire justice system.

This funding touches nearly every city and town in America through projects funded and investments made in the state and local justice systems.

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