

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading federal source of criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Statutory Program Areas:

In general, JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under the program may be used to hire additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including for any one or more of the following program areas:

1. Law enforcement programs.
2. Prosecution and court programs.
3. Prevention and education programs.
4. Corrections and community corrections programs.
5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
6. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
7. Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
8. Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
9. Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans' courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

Prohibited Expenditures

The use of JAG funds is prohibited for the following categories:

- 1) Any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.
- 2) Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (see (excluding police helicopters). (See Category C)
- 3) Luxury items
- 4) Real estate
- 5) Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- 6) Any similar matter

If you have additional questions regarding what type of Project JAG accepts; please contact the Grants Coordinator
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