

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Program Title: Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

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PROGRAM Information

<p>Detailed description of the program for which funding is requested:</p>	<p>The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas in seven purpose areas which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Law enforcement;2) Prosecution and court programs;3) Prevention and education programs;4) Corrections and community corrections;5) Drug treatment and enforcement;6) Crime victim and witness initiatives, and7) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. <p>JAG is awarded to the state based on a formula calculated by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistic. The formula is the minimum base allocation which, based on the Congressionally mandated JAG formula, can be enhanced by (1) the state’s share of the national population, and (2) the state’s share of the country’s Part 1 violent crime statistics.</p> <p>Once the state funding is calculated, 60 percent of the allocation is awarded to the state, and 40 percent to eligible units of local government as direct awards. The 60 percent state allocation is increased by any funds that were awarded to a local jurisdiction whose award was under \$10,000. The state must distribute the funds from the less than \$10,000 awards to units of local government that were not eligible for a direct award of \$10,000 or more. States also have a variable percentage of the allocation that is <i>required to be “passed through”</i> to units of local government in addition to the direct awards. Illinois’ variable pass-through was 70.66% in Federal Fiscal Year 2010.</p>
<p>If this program already has federal authorization, please list the public law number and section in known.</p>	<p>PL 111-117 *3133</p>
<p>If this is an existing federal program, what statewide programs are supported by this funding? How do these programs</p>	<p>JAG limits the amount of funds that can be used for statewide programs. The Authority funds seven statewide programs four of which are grants to the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice. One grant goes to the Illinois State Police in order to fund their Crimes Against Seniors</p>

benefit Illinois residents?	Program. The remaining two grants go to the Appellate Prosecutor and the Appellate Defender for issues surrounding systemic drug cases.		
Do any of these state programs target or benefit a specific district in Illinois?	Yes, JAG awards both at the state level and through local awards benefit districts throughout the state.		
Please provide a brief history of previous federal funding for this program including the fiscal year and amount.	FFY	State award	Local Award
	2010	\$11,877,102	\$7,032,357
	2009 ARRA	\$50,198,081	\$33,465,389
	2009	\$12,212,026	\$8,141,350
	2008	\$4,299,478	\$2,027,037
	2007	\$12,469,262	\$6,833,499