



Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fact Sheet

JAG Overview: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, BJA processed 1,420 local and 56 state applications totaling more than \$480 million in JAG funding (approximately \$318 million to states and territories and \$165 million to local units of government), an increase of nearly \$321 million from FY 2008 (\$159 million). In addition to regular FY JAG funding, BJA also administered critical Recovery Act JAG funding in 2009. BJA processed 3,210 local and 56 state applications totaling more than \$1.9 billion in Recovery JAG funding (approximately \$1.2 billion to states and territories and \$748 million to local units of government). All FY 2009 JAG awards, including Recovery Act JAG awards, were made by September 30th, 2009.

Legislation: [Public Law 109-162](#), Title XI—Department of Justice Reauthorization, Subtitle B—Improving the Department of Justice's Grant Programs, Chapter 1—Assisting Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Agencies, Sec. 1111. Merger of Byrne Grant Program and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.

JAG Formula: The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates, for each state and territory, a 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. 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. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculation process, with examples, please click here: [JAG Technical Report](#).

Eligibility and Program Guidance: All 56 states and territories are eligible, as well as units of local government identified annually in the JAG allocation charts provided here: [JAG Eligibility](#). BJA posts annual JAG program solicitations (program guidance) to its [JAG web page](#); which also contains a direct link to [JAG Frequently Asked Questions](#), which are updated regularly.

How/When to Apply: All applications must be submitted via the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#). FY 2010 JAG eligibility information is not yet available.

Award Length: JAG awards are four years in length; extensions are at the discretion of BJA's Director.

Match Requirement: Match is not required.

Reporting Requirements: JAG recipients are required to submit quarterly performance metrics reports, quarterly Financial Status Reports (SF-269s), and an annual programmatic report. Detailed reporting information can be found here: [JAG Reporting Requirements](#).

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