

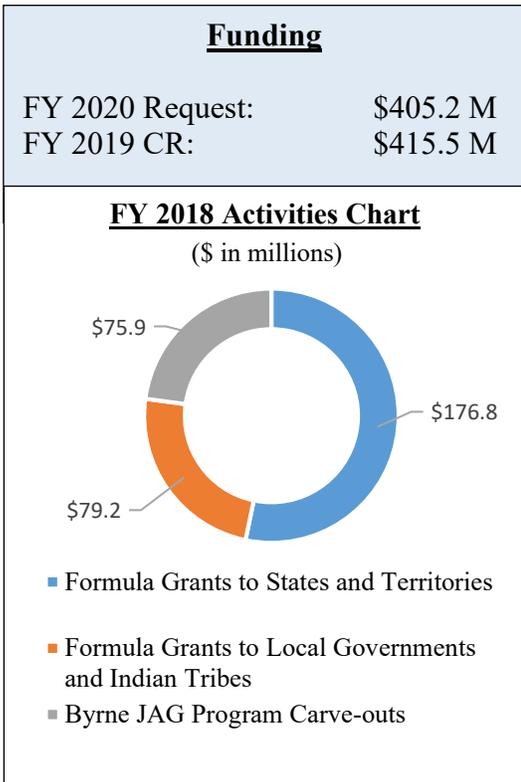
U.S. Department of Justice  
FY 2020 PERFORMANCE BUDGET  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS



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## **VI. Program Decreases by Item**

**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Decrease Request: Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**



**Program Description**

**Purpose:** To improve the functioning of the criminal justice system through flexible, multipurpose formula grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes. The awards support a wide range of criminal justice and public safety initiatives, including:

- Law enforcement
- Prosecution and courts
- Crime prevention and education
- Corrections and community corrections
- Drug treatment and enforcement
- Program planning, evaluation and technology
- Crime victim and witness programs
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs

**Authorizing Legislation:** Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (Title I of Pub. L. No. 90-351 (generally codified at 34 U.S.C. 10151-10158), including subpart 1 of part E (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10151 - 10158); see also 28 U.S.C. 530C(a).)

**First Year of Appropriation:** 2005

**Administering Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**DOJ Strategic Goal and Objective**

**DOJ Strategic Goal 3:** Reduce Violent Crime and Promote Public Safety

**Strategic Objective 3.1:** Combat violent crime, promote safe communities, and uphold the rights of victims of crime

**Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds Are Distributed:**

Activity	Who Can Apply for Funding	Award Type	Amounts
Formula Grants to States	States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa	Grants available for four years	Determined by formula based on population and violent crime statistics
Formula Grants to Local Governments and Indian Tribes	Units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribes.	Awards more than \$25,000 for four years Awards less than \$25,000 for two years	Determined by formula based on population and violent crime statistics

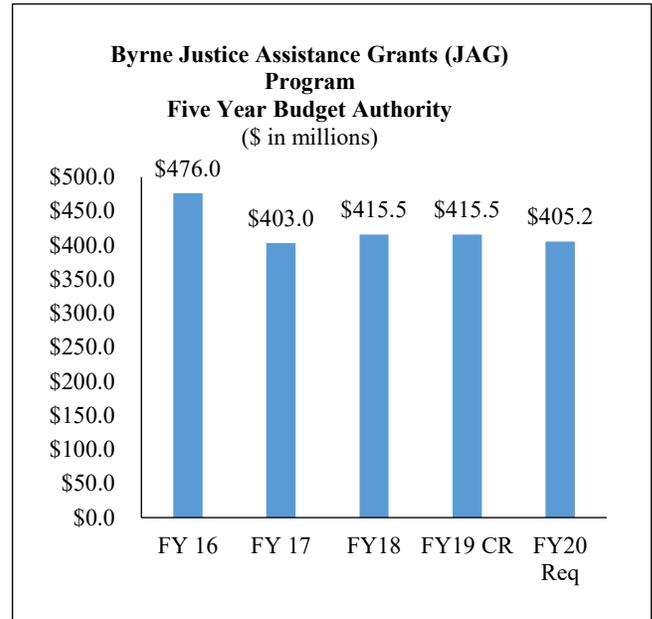
**Program Goals**

In 2018, BJA encouraged states, territories, units of local government (including tribal government) to fund projects focused on addressing challenges in the areas of reducing gun violence, officer safety and wellness, border security, and collaborative prosecution. The use of funding towards compliance with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) was mandatory for direct recipients if the entity was not already certified as compliant by the FBI.

**Accomplishments**

The [JAG Activity Report](#) is based on data submitted by grantees through BJA’s Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and highlights award data, including information about how funds were allocated and used. The most recent report is for 2014-2016, and was issued in September 2018.

[BJA’s Success Stories webpage](#) currently features projects that grantees have indicated have demonstrated success or shown promise in reducing crime and positively impacting communities. This web page is a valuable resource for states, localities, territories, tribes, and criminal justice professionals who seek to identify and learn about JAG and other successful BJA-funded projects advancing innovation, crime reduction, and evidence-based practices.



**Application and Award History**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2016 <sup>1/</sup>	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 CR	FY 2020 Request
Amount Available for Funding	\$438.5	\$403.0	\$415.5	\$415.5	\$405.2
Total Funding Awarded <sup>^</sup>	\$363.7	\$254.4 <sup>2/</sup>	\$256.0 <sup>2/</sup>	TBD	TBD
<i>Formula Grants to States and Territories:</i>					
Funding Awarded	\$179.6	\$174.5	\$176.8	TBD	TBD
Number of Eligible Applicants	56	56	56	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	56	56	56	TBD	TBD
<i>Formula Grants to Local Governments and Indian Tribes:</i>					
Funding Awarded	\$84.3	\$79.2	\$79.2	TBD	TBD
Number of Eligible Applicants	1,162	1,131	1,148	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	1,011	937	881	TBD	TBD

<sup>^</sup> Does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes

<sup>1/</sup> In FY 2016, there was a carve-out of \$100 million to support Presidential Nominating Conventions. This total includes those awards.

<sup>2/</sup> A select number of FY 2017 and 2018 JAG formula grants have not been released to grantees as a result concerns regarding compliance with federal immigration laws and ongoing litigation related to these matters.