Byrne JAG – Formula

Total Funding Available: $2 billion
NC Allocation: $85,839,952 (www.ncrecovery.gov)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced that the Recovery Act's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program's Local Solicitation deadline has been extended. The new application deadline is 8:00 pm ET on June 17, 2009.

According to DOJ, the previous deadline of May 18 was to encourage early submission of applications in an effort to provide economic stimulus as soon as possible. Because this is a non-competitive formula grant program, the extension of this deadline *does not* impact either eligibility or funding determinations. To determine if your local government is eligible, click here: State and Local Allocation List

To apply you must review and submit the solicitation package (available here). These Frequently Asked Questions (last updated 4/8/09) might also be of use.

The Byrne JAG Program, administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Overview: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients. The list of eligible applicants for the federal funds can be found by clicking on North Carolina on the following web page: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html. These funds are extremely flexible and can be utilized to pay for programs, equipment, and even some salaries-prevention programs, drug enforcement programs, and buying equipment to support law enforcement are all permitted.

In addition to direct grants from the federal government, municipalities are sometimes eligible to receive funds from the state allocation. In some instances, a city that is not eligible for the federal grant will be eligible for the state funds.

How to Access Funding:

Federal: If municipalities plan to access this funding, they are encouraged to register with the Central Contractor Registration registrant database now, through www.grants.gov. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

Local governments eligible for funding can apply here: Local Solicitation.

If you are not sure if you are eligible to apply, click here:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html

Important information for helping eligible local governments apply can be found here:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryjag.html

If you are not eligible for a direct grant from the federal government, you can still apply through your State Administering Agency (SAA). States are required under the grant to pass through a percentage to local governments. To find out who to contact, visit: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm.

Examples of uses for the Byrne JAG Grant Program:
Byrne JAG can be used for many different public safety programs, such as maintaining multi-jurisdictional task forces which bring together investigators from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to fight gangs and drug trafficking. The funds can also be used for prevention activities, such as drug treatment, youth mentoring, and victim's assistance. The funding also can be used for law enforcement training and technology upgrades.
To read the White House Fact Sheet on Byrne funding and uses, click here:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/FACT-SHEET-Investing-in-Public-Safety/

State: Under Byrne JAG, 40 percent of funding goes directly to local governments, and 60 percent goes to the state to distribute. States are required to pass a percentage of these funds through to localities; we will be receiving information on how much of those funds the state will be required to pass through very soon and will update you when we know. For more information on how a state intends to distribute formula grant funds, contact your state administrator (a list of which are available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm).

Visit http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html and click on NC to view the allocation list for NC local governments.

Federal Contact: United States Office of Justice Programs
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

State Contact: Governor's Crime Commission
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