

Eligibility and Application Information

Updated September 7th, 2023

- Applicants should align their submitted project requests with active Byrne-JAG purpose areas. [Purpose Areas 2022-24](#)
- Applicants may include Connecticut Judicial and Executive Branch state agencies, non-profit organization, coalitions, intermunicipal groups and taskforces, federally recognized Tribal Nations, and private entities.
- Localities with over 100,000 in population may independently apply for state-level JAG funding, but must provide evidence that a submitted project aims to address a state-wide issue. Localities that do not cross the 100,000 threshold but received a LVPT/ Less Than 10,000 allocation and are seeking additional funding for projects that coincide with OPM CJPPDs JAG strategic plan should partner with state agencies to act as a passthrough of project funds.
- Nonprofits seeking to pursue Byrne JAG funds must provide evidence/history of project portfolio exceeding \$250,000 per year, and must be willing to allow OPM CJPPD to review their financial systems to ensure that the applying nonprofit would be able to pass strict federal and state financial reviews and audits. Additionally, nonprofit entities that do not meet the stated guidelines can seek to partner with Justice system-involved entities who qualify for Byrne-JAG to have project/program funds passed through.
- All applications for funding are reviewed internally by a selection committee established by OPM CJPPD, with final approval/denial provided by the OPM Secretary and/or the OPM CJPPD Undersecretary.
- Byrne JAG applications will be reviewed in phases.

Application Update

Effective immediately, the application process for Byrne JAG funding will transition from accepting applications on a rolling basis to accepting applications in quarterly phases until available funds have been allotted. This change aims to standardize, and add greater structure and predictability, to the process. As part of this transition, the Byrne JAG application document will be updated to reflect the new triannual phases.

Funding Decision and Reapplication

- Once the application window has closed for each phase, the CJPPD staff will review the submitted applications on the following criteria:
 - Contains allowable expenditure per US DOJ guidelines.
 - Consistent with the applicable Byrne JAG strategic plan, particularly the program areas.
 - Includes a data-driven, evidence-based, or both approach that will be tracked during implementation.
 - Has an application budget and narrative structure that meets both state and federal guidelines.
- If an application meets all criteria above, the grant award process will commence. If an application does not meet the criteria, it will be returned to the applicant for revision and can be resubmitted in the next phase of the application process.
- Applicants are permitted to apply for multiple awards within or across different purpose areas. However, each application should not exceed \$120,000.00 in requested funding.

Quarterly Application Phase

- **August 30th**: In the first phase, CJPPD will receive applications from **June 1st - August 30th** of the given year. Applicants are to submit a complete application on or before **August 30th**. Applicants will receive a decision within **30 days** of the phase close date.
- **November 30th**: In the second phase, CJPPD will receive applications from **September 1st – November 30th** of the given year. Applicants are to submit a complete application on or before **November 30th**. Applicants will receive a decision within **30 days** of the phase close date.
- **February 28th**: In the third phase, CJPPD will receive applications from **December 1st – February 28th** of the given year. Applicants are to submit a complete application on or before **February 28th**. Applicants will receive a decision within **30 days** of the phase close date.
- **May 30th**: In the third phase, CJPPD will receive applications from **March 1st – May 30th** of the given year. Applicants are to submit a complete application on or before **May 30th**. Applicants will receive a decision within **30 days** of the phase close date.