

2025 Byrne JAG Annual Report



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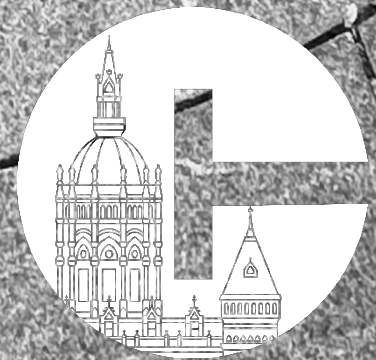


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I. Introduction

The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for administering, overseeing, and monitoring sub-recipients of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG). In 2023, OPM CJPPD submitted its 2023-2025 strategic plan, detailing the allocation of project funds over this period. Instead of submitting a new strategic plan, OPM CJPPD will provide an annual report on adherence to the objectives outlined in the approved plan and seek to utilize the whole five-year strategic plan period, extending the plan through 2028.

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (DOJ-OJP) has requested that the following questions be addressed in this comprehensive annual report.

A. Discuss changing circumstances in the state, if any, since the strategic plan was adopted.

No changes in circumstances in the state of Connecticut have affected our approved strategic plan at this time. The primary issue we face and have made strides to resolve is spending down previously awarded Byrne-JAG funds.

B. Describe how the state plans to adjust funding within and among each of the JAG Program areas.

OPM CJPPD submitted Grant Award Modifications (GAMs) to the DOJ pertaining to JAG 2020-2024 funding and received approval in December 2025. Within the last six months, OPM CJPPD conducted a stakeholder survey and used the findings to recommend updated project purpose areas and goals. Furthermore, in alignment with the 2023–2025 approved strategic plan, these funds were designated to be expended during the 2025–2027 period to reflect evolving statewide priorities and ensure effective resource allocation. OPM CJPPD believes that this modification promotes evidence-based funding decisions, ensuring that federal resources are directed toward initiatives with the greatest demonstrated need and impact.

The table below outlines the estimated expenditure periods and funding for each Byrne JAG grant year. These timelines may be adjusted to accommodate subrecipient project submission, review, and approval processes. To ensure successful implementation, OPM CJPPD will maintain consistent communication with subrecipients, US DOJ grant managers, and other stakeholders.

Byrne JAG Grant Years	Estimated Expenditure Period	Total Award
2017 – 2019 <i>(Funds have been expended by OPM CJPPD and elapsed as of 09/30/25)</i>	2022 – 2025 (Completed)	\$4.9M
2020 – 2024	2025 – 2027	\$4.8M

C. Provide an ongoing assessment of need.

In 2026, OPM CJPPD will begin spending Byrne JAG funds for FY 2020-2024. OPM CJPPD has conducted a stakeholder engagement survey and obtained OJP approval of submitted GAMs to commence with fund allocation.

D. Discuss the accomplishment of the goals identified in the strategic plan.

In December 2022, OPM CJPPD issued a grant announcement for subrecipients to submit project proposals for three previously withheld Byrne JAG grant years (2017–2019). As of September 2025, OPM CJPPD has expended most of the funding and as of January 2026, has closed out the funding sources. While spending the funds, OPM CJPPD was able to expand and diversify the pool of subrecipients, with eleven unique entities and four first-time recipients. Furthermore, OPM CJPPD is seeking to expedite its spending timeline and subaward JAG 2020-2024 funding. OPM CJPPD is confident that most funding will be allocated and spent by the September 2027 deadline.

E. Reflect how the plan influenced funding decisions in the previous year.

As previously mentioned, due to the OPM CJPPD spending down previously withheld Byrne JAG funding, our strategic plan and funding decisions run parallel to each other. To address this, OPM CJPPD maintains regular engagement with stakeholders to ensure their current needs are met with available funding. For more details, refer to our response "C" in the ongoing assessment of needs section.