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**CJPAC Meeting
September 10, 2009**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Criminal Justice Grants

Goals of Recovery Act Programs

- preserve and create jobs;
- promote economic recovery;
- provide long-term economic benefits;
- stabilize state and local government budgets;
- minimize and avoid reductions in essential services
- minimize and avoid counterproductive state and local tax increases.

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Recovery Act funds awarded to state agencies are being coordinated by Governor Rell's Office.

- To ensure transparency and accountability at the state level, Governor Rell issued an Executive Order to establish multiple levels of oversight and accountability throughout state government.
- State agencies are required to post information concerning grants and contracts supported by the Recovery Act funds to the State of Connecticut Recovery website www.ct.gov/recovery .

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The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) serves as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for two Recovery Act grant programs:

Byrne Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) \$12.4 Million

And

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant (STOP VAW) \$1.8 Million

Note: OPM is not the sole recipient of Criminal Justice Recovery Act funds. The USDOJ awarded Recovery Act funds directly to municipalities, other state agencies and private sector organizations. More detailed information on DOJ direct grant funding may be found on [Department of Justice Information Related to the Economic Recovery Act of 2009](#)

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Byrne Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) \$12.4 Million

JAG Purpose Areas

JAG funds may support all components of the criminal justice system:

- Law enforcement,
- Crime prevention,
- Corrections and sanctions,
- Treatment and intervention,
- Victim services and justice system information sharing initiatives.

Use of Funds

- Technical assistance
- Training
- Personnel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Contractual support
- Information systems
- Evaluation and assessment

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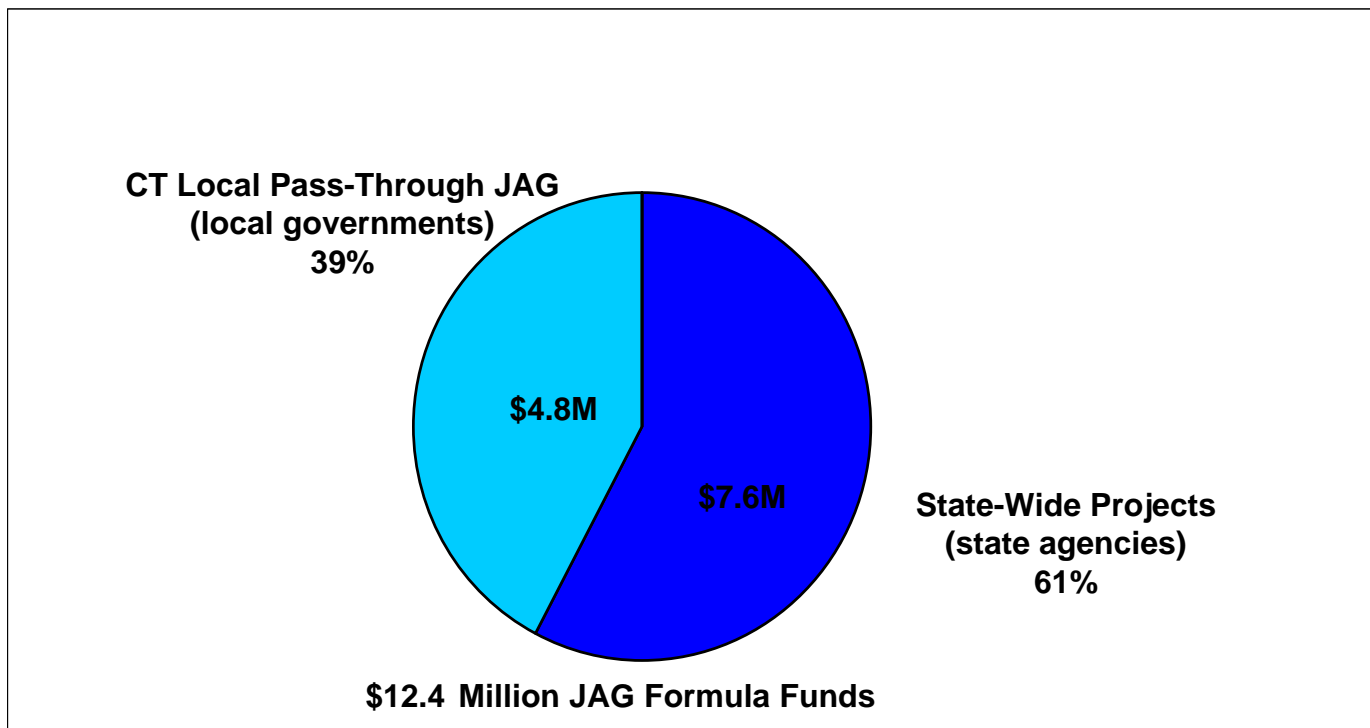
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Recovery Act Byrne Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) \$12.4 Million

Mandatory Allocations

OPM is required to “pass-through” at least 39% of the formula grant funds to local governments and approx. 61% of the funds may be used for state agency projects.



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CT Local Pass-Through JAG

Fast Tracked

- Connecticut was one of the first states to distribute the Recovery JAG funds to local governments.
- The Local Pass-Through program was developed and “rolled out” state-wide in less than three months.
- OPM CJPPD conducted four technical assistance sessions to help towns and cities learn about the Recovery Act requirements and provided guidance on developing grant projects.
- Every municipality was eligible to apply for a grant ranging from \$9,100 to \$100,000 depending on crime rate and population.
- Municipalities were able to designate funds for services and activities that best address their priority needs.

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- OPM CJPPD developed a new web-based portal to accelerate the processing of municipalities' applications.
- The new portal will streamline the grant process for “regular” grant programs as well as programs funded by the Recovery Act.
- Every town had an opportunity to submit an application as part of an “early bird” funding cycle and receive a grant starting as early as August 01, 2009.
- Twenty-three towns received “early bird” awards enabling them to draw down grant funds and begin their projects.
- To date, 163 municipalities have submitted applications and \$2.1 million has been awarded.
- Allocation list for municipalities may be viewed at www.ct.gov/opm/cwp

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State-wide JAG Projects Underway

OPM CJPPD “fast tracked” awards to launch four state-wide projects

Expedite Collection of DNA from Incarcerated Felons

Hire temporary staff to collect DNA samples and purchase testing kits.

Expedite Processing of DNA Samples at the DPS Forensic Laboratory

Hire temporary laboratory staff to reduce the “back-log” of DNA samples that require testing and entry into the national DNA database used by law enforcement agencies.

Statewide and Regional Drug Task Force

Provide funding to state and local police to continue operation of specialized multi-jurisdictional drug task force.

Upgrade the DOC BOPP Case Management Information System

Purchase consulting services and hardware to re-design the existing data systems so that information can be shared between criminal justice agencies and improve oversight and monitoring of offenders.

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Planned State-wide JAG Projects

Anticipated start dates October 2009 – January 2010

- **Expand Video Conferencing Capabilities for DOC and Judicial Branch:** Per recommendation from June CJPAC meeting
- **Upgrade and Expand Automated Fingerprint Information Systems (AFIS)**
- **Expand 24/7 Coverage at Domestic Violence Shelters**
- **Establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Pilot Program (SANE/SAFE)**
- **Assessment and Evaluation Services for DOC Programs**

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STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant \$1.8 Million

Mandatory Allocations

State is required to allocate 30% of the funds to non-governmental victim services, 25% for prosecution, 25% for law enforcement, 5% for courts and 15% is “discretionary”.

Purpose Areas

State is required to use the funds for statutorily mandated purpose areas pertaining to the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Use of Funds

Funds may be used to support fourteen statutorily defined objectives, services and activities. <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/recovery-stop-program.pdf>

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Statewide STOP VAW Projects

- **Expand Staff at Domestic Violence Shelters for 24/7 coverage**
- **Establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program (SANE/SAFE)**
- **Expand Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Liaisons for Law Enforcement**
- **Training for professionals with a role in criminal court cases**
- **Specialized Prosecutor Positions**
- **Competitive Grants for Community-based Victim Services: teen dating violence, cyber stalking and abuse and underserved populations.**

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Where to get information

Federal links

- [OJP FACT SHEET](#)
- [Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\) Recovery Act Additional Requirements](#)
- [BJA JAG PERFORMANCE MEASURES](#)
- **JAG (FAQ)**
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryFAQ.pdf>

State links

- [Connecticut Recovery Initiative](#)
- [OPM: ARRA 2009](#)

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RECOVERY “criminal justice” grants available from *USDOJ*

LOCAL DIRECT JAG GRANT

[Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Formula Program: Local Solicitation](#)

BYRNE JAG COMPETITIVE GRANT

[Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program](#)

COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)

http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/chrp_app2.pdf

There are additional Recovery grants for other purpose areas. See [USDOJ OVC](#) or [USDOJ OVW](#) or [USDOJ OJDDP](#)