



# **BYRNE SCIP AND BYRNE JAG *OVERVIEW AND UPDATE***

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# BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION (SCIP) PROGRAM

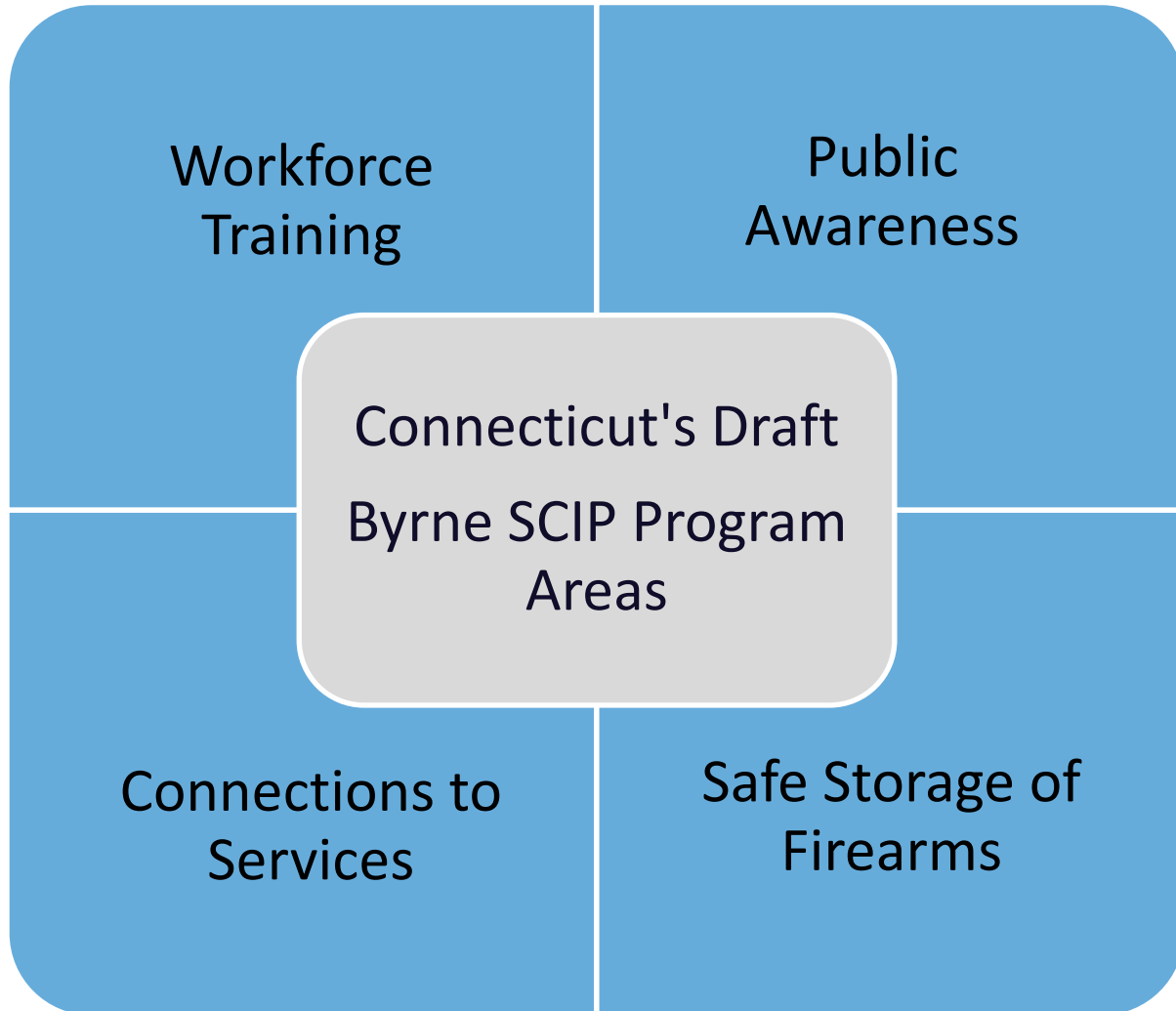


- On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed *The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act* into law.
- The act establishes the Byrne SCIP program to fund the creation and/or implementation of Emergency Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs, state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction programs and initiatives.
- The US Department of Justice requires the state administering agency – in Connecticut, OPM CJPPD – to form a Crisis Intervention Advisory Board to implement and provide oversight to Byrne SCIP.

## Connecticut's budgeted Byrne SCIP Formula Allocations

State share subtotal	\$1,333,933
--Direct local pass-through	\$724,555
--Local pass-through (<\$10,000)	\$164,734
Local pass-through subtotal	\$889,289
Direct administrative costs subtotal	\$247,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,470,247</b>

# DRAFT BYRNE SCIP STATE SHARE PROGRAM AREAS



## The draft program areas will:

Support ongoing implementation of risk warrants, risk protection orders, and other crisis interventions that prevent people from possessing firearms and other deadly weapons and ammunition who are at immediate risk of causing personal injury to themselves or others.

## DRAFT BYRNE SCIP STATE SHARE BUDGET OVERVIEW

	Draft Byrne SCIP State Share Program Area Descriptions	Draft Budgeted Amount (Approximate)
(1)	Deliver training to criminal justice agencies, organizations, and other entities regarding implementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions.	\$364,608
(2)	Provide public education, outreach, and awareness regarding risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions.	\$364,608
(3)	Provide technology, programs, safety planning, and other strategies complementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions to lower the risk of fatal or non-fatal firearm injury.	\$364,608
(4)	Promote the safe storage of firearms inside the home or motor vehicle and prevent situations warranting risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis intervention or fatal or nonfatal firearm injury.	\$240,109
	<b>Total Byrne SCIP State Share</b>	<b>\$1,333,933</b>

# (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING

Deliver training to criminal justice agencies, organizations, and other entities listed below regarding implementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions.

*Program area summary: Trainings applying best practices and promoting statewide consistency in implementation.*

- Delivering trainings to professionals responding to people who may be appropriate for a risk warrant, RPO, and other crisis interventions;
- Obtaining curriculum and other content for professionals implementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions;
- Increasing threat assessment training for criminal justice professionals, behavioral health treatment providers, or mobile crisis units;
- Implementing train-the-trainer models to embed expertise regarding implementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions within an agency, organization, or other entity; and
- Recording training videos for distribution among professionals involved in crisis intervention.

## (2) PUBLIC AWARENESS

Provide public education, outreach, and awareness regarding risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions

*Program area summary: Approaches (i) providing clarity and consistency regarding appropriateness of an individual for a risk warrant, RPO, or other crisis intervention; (ii) focusing on constituencies such as veterans, victims and victim advocates, older adults, or Black, Indigenous, and people of color; or (iii) both.*

- Executing a communication, education, and public awareness strategy by developing fact sheets, brochures, webinars, television or radio engagement (including advertisements and spotlights), and social media outreach (to YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms);
- Publishing best practices regarding risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions;
- Generating content clarifying considerations a person may make when determining available and appropriate responses to a person possessing firearms and other deadly weapons and ammunition who is at immediate risk of causing personal injury to oneself or others; and
- Providing content for crisis hotlines — such as 9-1-1 and 2-1-1 — to provide information to callers regarding risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions.

### (3) CONNECTION TO SERVICES

Provide technology, programs, safety planning, and other strategies complementing risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis interventions to lower the risk of fatal or non-fatal firearm injury.

*Strategies providing interventions to individuals who are in crisis or their intimate partners, family members, or other directly impacted people.*

- Connecting people — at the point of risk warrant, RPO, and other crisis intervention — with services or treatment addressing assessed needs as well as peer support specialists and peer navigators;
- Providing trauma supports or delivering safety planning to intimate partners, family members, or other impacted people connected to people going through a risk warrant, RPO, and other crisis intervention;
- Providing firearm surrender compliance support under an order of protection or restraining order;
- Expanding current protection order and restraining order infrastructure to include additional firearm surrender initiatives;
- Supporting IT system upgrades to improve data entry related to risk warrant, RPO, or other crisis interventions; and
- Improving technology, analysis, or information-sharing solutions for ensuring law enforcement, the courts, and other criminal justice agencies are informed when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm.



## (4) SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

Promote the safe storage of firearms inside the home or motor vehicle and prevent situations warranting risk warrants, RPOs, and other crisis intervention or fatal or nonfatal firearm injury

*Program area summary: programs (i) demonstrating a logical, fair, and equitable strategy to distribute safes, lock boxes, and other storage supplies; (ii) public awareness materials focusing on constituencies such as veterans, victims and victim advocates, older adults, new gun owners, or Black, Indigenous, and people of color; (iii) public awareness materials focusing on goals, including suicide prevention, intimate partner violence reduction, prevention of theft of firearms, curbing community gun violence; or (v) some or all of the above*

- Distributing safes, lock boxes, and other storage supplies to safeguard firearms inside the home, motor vehicle, or both;
- Increasing public awareness — such as radio, television, social media, websites, and recorded videos — including tailored messages to constituencies promoting the safe storage of firearms; and
- Developing print materials — such as fact sheets, brochures, and flyers — with tailored messages to constituencies or groups promoting the safe storage of firearms.

# LOCAL PASS-THROUGH

“Direct Local Pass-Through” and “Less Than \$10,000” comprise the Local portions of Byrne SCIP.

OPM CJPPD, in consultation with CJPAC, will pass through the funds based on the state share program areas and other allowable projects per the grant program and federal guidelines.

Federal guidance has established five ways Less Than \$10,000 pass-through funding can be allocated

- Fund one less-than-\$10,000 jurisdiction;
- Fund multiple less-than-\$10,000 jurisdiction;
- Fund state courts that provide criminal justice and civil justice services to less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions within the state;
- Fund a combination of less-than \$10,000 jurisdiction(s) and state court that provide criminal justice and civil justice services to less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions within the state; and
- Request a waiver to retain the less-than-\$10,000 funds, or a portion thereof, at the state level for a project that would directly benefit less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions.

## NEXT STEPS AND DISCUSSION

- Input on the draft Byrne SCIP Program Plan will be accepted on or before August 3
  - More information available at:  
[https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/CJ-About/CJPPD-Grants-Portal/Byrne\\_SCIP\\_GRANT](https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/CJ-About/CJPPD-Grants-Portal/Byrne_SCIP_GRANT)
  - Please submit written input to CJPPDGRANTS@CT.GOV
- After August 3, OPM CJPPD staff will finalize the program plan and submit it — along with other grant materials, e.g., a summary of coordination with CJPAC — to US DOJ .
- OPM CJPPD anticipates US DOJ review and, hopefully, approval to make grant funds available:
  - OPM CJPPD anticipates making a state grant announcement inviting interested entities to submit proposals for Byrne SCIP funds.
  - Updates will be provided at future CJPAC meetings and posted on the OPM CJPPD website.

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# THE BYRNE JAG PROGRAM SUPPORTS DIVERSE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TAILORED TO JURISDICTIONAL NEEDS.

- The Byrne JAG program is a federal initiative supporting state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies across the US.
  - Between 2005 and 2022, the Byrne JAG Program awarded more than 22,000 grants that total more than \$7 billion, including \$272 million in 2022.
- A State Administering Agency (SAA) manages Byrne JAG in each jurisdiction
  - In Connecticut, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is the SAA.
- Byrne JAG is designed to be flexible, enabling jurisdictions to use the funding to address needs, fill gaps, test and replicate evidence-based practices, and spur innovation.

## Examples of allowable uses of Byrne JAG funds:

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| ■ Technical assistance    | ■ Equipment                            |
| ■ Strategic planning      | ■ Forensic laboratories                |
| ■ Research and evaluation | ■ Supplies                             |
| ■ Data collection         | ■ Contractual support                  |
| ■ Training                | ■ Criminal justice information systems |
| ■ Personnel               |  |

SAA's verify allowable expenses by following US DOJ guidance, including reviewing published guidance and through direct contact with staff.

## BYRNE JAG BIG-PICTURE OVERVIEW

- Connecticut and 7 other states with previously withheld 2016-2020 Byrne JAG funds have prioritized spending down accumulated funds before more recent federal awards.
- Meanwhile, in annual Byrne JAG solicitations, states are required to submit a new strategic plan or an updated one annually.
- Because of the prioritization of withheld funds, Connecticut's 2023 Byrne JAG strategic plan applies for federal funding that is not anticipated to be spent for several more years.
- The Byrne JAG strategic plan, as drafted, retains flexibility, enabling revisions closer to the date of expenditure to better capture dynamic, emerging issues impacting the criminal justice system.
- **Reminder** Connecticut's current Byrne JAG grant opportunity is live, and proposals are being reviewed on a rolling basis, with notice on first-round proposals expected to be sent by the end of August.

**Byrne JAG Expenditure Timeline, Estimated and Projected, 2017–2025**

Byrne JAG Grant Years	Estimated Expenditure Period	Total Award
2017 – 2019	2022 – 2024/25	\$4.9M
2020 – 2022	2024/25 – 2026/27	\$4.8M
2023 – 2025	2026/27 – 2028/29	\$4M – \$5M (Estimated)

# OVERVIEW OF 2023-2025 BYRNE JAG STRATEGIC PLAN

## *Factors helping to inform Byrne JAG program areas*

- The Byrne JAG program areas listed under federal statute
- US DOJ Areas of Emphasis included in Byrne JAG solicitations
- Current and emerging issues impacting Connecticut's criminal justice system, as informed by these and other methods:
  - Stakeholder input
  - Data analysis
  - National associations, experts, and US DOJ communications
  - Discussions before CJPAC and other commissions

## *Draft 2023 Byrne JAG Program Areas*

Prevention and education programs

Law enforcement programs

Corrections, community corrections and reentry programs

Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

# (1) PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Program Area	Area of Emphasis	Objectives
Prevention and education programs	Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities	Fill service gaps and pilot innovative approaches to prevent future victimization or contact with the criminal justice system.
	Community Based Violence Intervention Approaches	Strengthen partnerships with public health and social service agencies as well as nonprofit organizations to prevent future victimization or contact with the criminal justice system.



## (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Program Area	Area of Emphasis	Objectives
Law enforcement programs	Crime and Violence Reduction Strategies	<p>Support multi-jurisdictional strategies to prevent and reduce crime.</p> <p>Enhance data-driven crime-reduction strategies addressing public-safety challenges.</p>

### (3) CORRECTIONS, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND REENTRY PROGRAMS

Program Area	Area of Emphasis	Objectives
Corrections, community corrections and reentry programs	Advancing Justice System Reform Efforts	<p>Provide swift connection to meaningful supervision and treatment informed by risk, need, and responsivity factors.</p> <p>Over reentry barriers to successful reentry for people returning to the community following incarceration.</p> <p>Strengthen partnerships with victim service providers, including enhancing victim safety planning.</p>

# (4) PLANNING, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Program Area	Area of Emphasis	Objectives
Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs	Preventing and Combating Hate Crimes	<p>Invest in technological initiatives to improve criminal justice data capacity.</p> <p>Augment criminal justice planning efforts with data analysis and evaluation.</p>

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