OVSJG
Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) April 15, 2026

FY 2025 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program

Background

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program was created as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – State Formula | Bureau of Justice Assistance

The BJA solicitation requires that the application be made available for review by the applicant's governing body, or organization designated by the governing body, before the submission of the application.

FY25 Funding Available

Total: $1,584,318.00 (Administration: $158,432.00 and sub-grants: ($1,425,886.00). Byrne JAG awards are four-year awards.

The allocation is formula-based on population and the UCR Part 1 violent crime data. Allocation includes ten percent administration funds for the State Administering Agency (SAA), Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG).

Funds must be used in the identified purpose areas:
(1) Law Enforcement
(2) Prosecution and Courts
(3) Crime Prevention and Education
(4) Corrections and Community Corrections
(5) Drug Treatment and Enforcement
(6) Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement
(7) Crime Victim and Witness Programs (other than Compensation)
(8) Mental Health Programs and Services
(9) Implementation of State Crisis Intervention Court Proceedings
10) Programs to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems
(11) Programs to purchase and operate counter-UAS systems

Application

OVSJG is proposing to provide $1,425,886.00 in sub-awards for two of the purpose areas as allowed under the Byrne JAG solicitation:

- Community Corrections (specifically reentry services)
- Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement

The priorities for the District are based upon stakeholder feedback, grantee data collection specific to gaps and barriers, and results of a stakeholder survey conducted in FY2025. OVSJG anticipates making subawards for 60 percent of the funds to community-based organizations and 40 percent to District agencies. OVSJG, in turn, intends to release a Request for Application (RFA) for community-based organizations and District agencies to apply under the FY 2027 Justice Grants Consolidated RFA. Preliminary funding decisions are anticipated in early September.

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