

Recovery Act Funding



Byrne Justice Assistance Act (JAG) Formula Program

Summary of Byrne Grant Funding:

- The Byrne JAG program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve criminal justice.
- Total Allocation: \$2 Billion – Non-competitive. The list of eligible awardees is determined by BJA based upon a formula which includes crime data and population.
- 40% of the designated funding is allocated directly to local units of government by BJA and is immediately available to jurisdictions already identified. The first deadline for funding is April 18, 2009.
- 60% of the funding is allocated to the states, DC and the Territories as a direct award from BJA. Of this percentage, an additional amount (Variable Pass Through) is to be distributed by the states to local units of government within their state through a sub-grant award as a competitive grant process through a statewide solicitation.
- Jurisdictions that receive a direct award from BJA are still eligible to receive funding from the state's 60% allocation through that state's separate competitive grant process.
- Project time period – The length of the award is one year, however, there may be opportunities for extensions, if needed.
- Disparate Jurisdictions – In some instances, jurisdictions will be identified as "disparate," and must work together with one serving as their fiscal agent. They may join their efforts and spend all the funds collectively or on separate initiatives. Each entity must sign an MOU prior to draw down of any grant funds.

Grant Purpose Areas

The two grant purpose areas that are most appropriate for local agencies looking to implement Motorola solutions are the Law Enforcement Programs and Technology Improvement Programs.

How to Apply for a Grant

The application process is simple and requires the following information:

- Program Narrative – describing the types of programs to be funded, brief analysis of the need for the program, and anticipated coordination efforts.
- Budget and Budget Narrative – briefly outline how JAG funds will be used to support and implement the program.
- Review Narrative – dates of posting for public comment.
- Abstract – brief description of the project and deliverables not to exceed one-half page.
- Certifications – formal approval documents from the government entity.
- Performance Measures – applicants will be required to document the number of jobs saved or the number of jobs created – Motorola has developed a framework for documenting these requirements.

Note: The initial application can be a place holder for the funds and requires very limited information to be submitted – broad strategies, not specific details, e.g. information sharing software for enhancement to a department's records management system. Once the grant application is accepted by BJA, the applicant can later provide the specific details to the project.

When will money start flowing?

Local Byrne JAG awards will be issued within 60 days after submission of their grant application and approval of the application by BJA.

Motorola solutions can provide the basis for many grant proposals.

- Interoperability solutions for every day use and especially during emergency situations. Motorola leads the industry in successfully deploying interoperable networks that span states, connect counties and municipalities and agencies within a municipality.
- Secure, Wireless Broadband Networks enable mobile applications, even while driving at highway speed. Background checks, license plate look-ups and even email can now be done in the vehicle, improving officer safety and efficiency.
- Mobile Computing Applications and Devices enable improved revenue generation and increase personnel productivity, often in less than 12 months.
- Upgrade existing systems to include GPS capabilities to better track personnel and their proximity to an incident's location.

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Act Now!

- Motorola can help you identify areas that are eligible for Byrne JAG Grant funding, as well as provide a proposal that you can submit as part of the application process.
- Motorola has a team of experts that can help answer your questions and provide tips on writing an effective grant application.
- Deadlines are approaching. Submit your application now in order to take advantage of these newly released funds. Even if money has been allocated to a specific jurisdiction you must still apply. Applicants must submit their proposal for governing body review (not approval) and public notification via the newspaper or the web 30 days prior to submission to BJA.

April 18 – Governing body review and public notification deadline

May 18 – Local award application deadline to BJA

Where to Apply:

Follow the links below for specific instructions and application procedures.

Local and State Allocation Lists

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Local Application and instructions

<http://www.ojp.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf>

Office of Justice Program – BJA Grants Management Tool

<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>