

## Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Notice of Funding Opportunity—2026 State Share

### **Background**

The Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program is a federal initiative awarding justice funding to state, tribal, and local governments to address needs, fill gaps, test and replicate evidence-based practices, and spur innovation. Every state has a State Administering Agency (SAA) that manages Byrne JAG funding. In Connecticut, the SAA is the Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD). The U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) allocates Byrne JAG to SAAs and provides guidance regarding use of the funds.

The Byrne JAG program is divided into two categories: state-level and local-level funds, this Notice of Funding Opportunity is for the **State-level funds**. More information will be released soon regarding the Local-level funds available.

Additional information from DOJ BJA on the federal Byrne JAG grant program and examples of programs can be found at [Byrne JAG Frequently Asked Questions](#).

### **State-Level Funds**

State-level funds are expended on projects and programs addressing criminal justice issues on a state-wide level. Such entities include, but are not limited to, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribal nations, coalitions, intermunicipal groups, task forces, and private entities. State-level funds may be used to support programs adhering to the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement
- Prosecution and the courts
- Crime prevention and education
- Corrections, community corrections and reentry
- Drug treatment and enforcement
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
- Crime victims and witnesses

OPM CJPPD is currently accepting grant applications for Byrne JAG from the state share of its formula funds to implement state criminal justice programs or initiatives. A total of **\$1,933,126.98** is currently available for subawards. **The application period will run from Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis during this period, and funding will be awarded until available funds have been fully allocated.

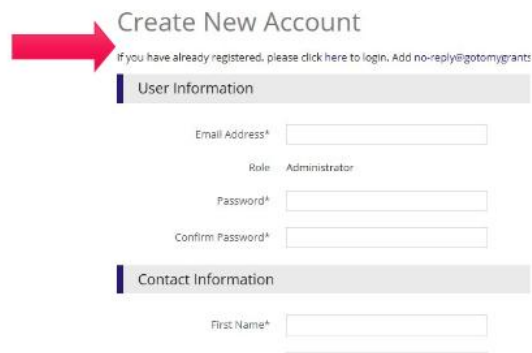
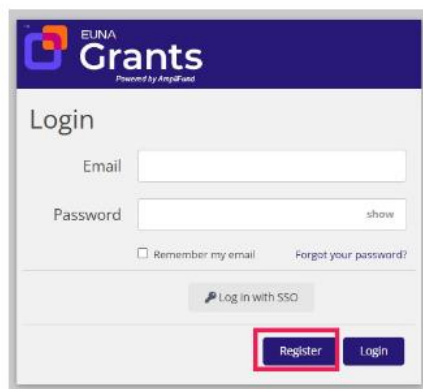
All applications for funding are reviewed internally by a selection committee established by OPM CJPPD, with final approval/denial provided by the OPM Secretary and/or the OPM CJPPD Undersecretary.

Completed application packages must be submitted through the state's new grants management system, EUNA Grants ([Apply Here](#)). After clicking Apply Here, use the **Help** button at the top of the page to access the Applicant Guide, which provides step-by-step instructions on how to register, navigate, and submit your application.

**Important:** Only one person per organization should register a new account in the system. Once the first user has registered the organization, additional users can be added from within the account. Before registering, please check whether your organization already has an account. If it does, contact your organization's account administrator to be added as a user.

## Euna Grants Login Screen

- **Register** – Applicants should only Register **ONCE** for their Organization
  - Users can be added to the Organization account
- **Login** – If your Organization already has an account, login using the **credentials previously set up**
  - Administrators Users can add additional Users



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If you experience difficulty creating an account or logging in, contact Euna technical support at:

**Technical Help Email:** [support.grants@eunasolutions.com](mailto:support.grants@eunasolutions.com)

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**Technical Help Phone:** (1) 844 407 3572

## 1. **Eligibility Information**

Eligible entities include Connecticut Judicial and Executive Branch state agencies, non-profit organizations, coalitions, intermunicipal groups and taskforces, federally recognized Tribal Nations, and private entities. Please note, CJPPD anticipates a separate funding opportunity to be made available for units of local government (Local-level funds).

Localities with populations over 100,000 may independently apply for state-level JAG funding, provided they demonstrate that their project addresses a state-wide issue. Localities with populations under 100,000 that receive or are eligible for local-level JAG funding and are seeking additional funding for projects aligned with OPM CJPPD's JAG strategic plan should partner with state agencies to facilitate the funding.

Nonprofits seeking to pursue Byrne JAG funds must provide evidence/history of project portfolio exceeding \$250,000 per year, and must be willing to allow OPM CJPPD to review their financial systems to ensure that the applying nonprofit would be able to pass strict federal and state financial reviews and audits. Additionally, nonprofit entities that do not meet the stated guidelines can seek to partner with Justice system-involved entities who qualify for Byrne-JAG to have project/program funds passed through.

Applicants must have an active Unique Entity Number registered in SAM.GOV, a FEIN number, written accounting policies and procedures, a financial management system that is able to track actual expenditures and outlays, in addition to other requirements described in the federal, interagency/general, and special conditions.

**Non-Supplanting:** Grants funds shall be used to supplement and increase, but not supplant, the level of state, local, private and federal funds that would, otherwise, be made available for this project and to serve this target population and will in no event replace such state, local, private and federal funds. The Grantee shall not use state funds conveyed by the Agreement to supplant any local funds, if a municipality, or other state funds, if a state agency, which were budgeted for purposes analogous to that of the state grant funds. OPM may waive this provision upon request and for good cause shown, when it is satisfied that the reduction in local funds or other state funds, as the case may be, is due to circumstances not related to the Agreement.

## 2. **Award Period**

Applicants should develop their applications with a period of performance of **up to 12 months**. If the applicant is awarded funds, the actual start date and end date shall be identified in an approved award package.

### 3. Available Funds

A total of **\$1,933,126.98** is currently available through the state share of the Byrne JAG Program.

### 4. Funding Purpose Areas

OPM CJPPD conducted a statewide stakeholder survey in 2025 to identify priority needs and inform strategic resource allocation, and incorporated this feedback to refine the Byrne JAG purpose areas and examples described below.

Applicants should align their submitted project requests with at least one active Byrne-JAG purpose area below. Within each purpose area are examples of eligible projects and objectives that reflect state-wide priorities. **Proposed projects and programs must address criminal justice issues on a state-wide level.** Regional projects serving multiple municipalities will also be considered.

#### A. Purpose Area: Planning and Technology

A total of \$483,337 is available for Planning and Technology. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$161,000 in funds per entity.

Examples of eligible projects:

- Implement and support technology-driven initiatives and pilot projects that strengthen data and analytic capabilities and improve the effectiveness of law enforcement responses.
- Develop and execute a strategic plan to upgrade, replace, or modernize outdated criminal-justice-focused hardware and software systems.
- Secure and allocate funding for innovative technologies and pilot programs that introduce and test new approaches within the criminal justice system.

#### B. Purpose Area: Law Enforcement

A total of \$483,337 is available for Law Enforcement. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$161,000 in funds per entity.

Examples of eligible projects:

- Provide financial support for stipends, overtime, technology, equipment, and other personnel-related costs for state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in multi-jurisdictional task forces that work to prevent and reduce gun

violence, illegal firearms and ghost gun trafficking, narcotics trafficking, motor vehicle theft, violent crime, and other emerging crime challenges.

- Procure and deploy fentanyl and methamphetamine detection equipment, along with opioid reversal agents.

**C. Purpose Area: Mental Health Programs and Education**

A total of \$483,337 is available for Mental Health Programs and Education. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$161,000 in funds per entity.

Example of an eligible project:

- Provide funding to develop and sustain programs that address the mental health and wellness needs of law enforcement officers and correctional staff.

**D. Purpose Area: Pre-trial Diversion, Corrections, and Re-entry**

A total of \$483,116 is available for Planning and Technology. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$161,000 in funds per entity.

Examples of eligible projects:

- Implement technology-driven initiatives to connect returning citizens to workforce services, programs, and opportunities.
- Provide funding to support personnel costs related to public defense services.
- Allocate funds to support personnel and programmatic expenses related to re-entry services and workforce development initiatives for justice-involved individuals.
- Provide financial support for personnel, clinical services, and programmatic costs associated with pre-trial diversion efforts that connect eligible individuals with treatment services.

## **5. Funding Restrictions**

Byrne JAG funds may not be used (whether directly or indirectly) for any purpose prohibited by federal statute or regulation, including those purposes specifically prohibited by the JAG

Program statute as set out at in [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#). Additional unallowable costs are identified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and listed in the [JAG Prohibited Equipment Guidance](#).

## 6. **Reporting Requirements**

Subrecipients will submit quarterly financial reports, progress reports, and performance measurement data. Reports will be submitted according to the reporting schedule below.

### **Quarterly Reporting Schedule:**

| Period of Performance   | Report due dates |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| July 1 – September 30   | October 15       |
| October 1 – December 31 | January 15       |
| January 1 – March 31    | April 15         |
| April 1 – June 30       | July 15          |

Financial reports explain the expenditures of the subrecipient. In addition to financial reports, the OPM program manager may request supplemental documentation, such as timesheets, receipts, invoices, and contracts to confirm that the expenditures are being spent according to how they are reported.

