



Stimulus Funds to Purchase ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS): Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program

Program Description and Funding Level

Over \$2 billion is included in the final economic stimulus package and expected in FY2009 appropriations for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program. The Byrne JAG program provides formula funds to localities for criminal justice operations.

Eligible Use of Funds

Byrne funds can be used to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system, which includes equipment, operations, and support for other associated law enforcement personnel (such as prosecutors, public defenders, etc.).

How Funds Are Allocated and Distributed

The procedure for allocating Byrne JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each State and territory receives an appropriate share. All but the most rural counties and small cities and towns receive a direct award from this program. Combining what is in the stimulus with what is expected from final FY 2009 funding, there should be nearly \$2.565 billion available nationwide.

Match

There is no local matching requirement for Byrne JAG stimulus funds.

How to Access These Funds for Your Community

1. Contact the local law enforcement agency that is interested in acquiring a gunshot detection system
2. Make contact with budget program office or grants office and determine if they are eligible for the direct JAG Award.
3. Eligible entities will receive a direct formula based award every year from this program, as long as their population does not decline precipitously or if they have a major drop in crime rates.