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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is pleased to announce the availability of continuation funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 2026 Existing State Project Application Packet

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to State agencies currently receiving an award under the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Deadline

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2026.

Award Period

January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027

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SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG program was created in 2005 by the merger of the Byrne Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program and provides states and units of local governments with the critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas within the criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of 27 members representing various components of the criminal justice system. The Council uses a small proportion of each fiscal year's award to pay for costs incurred in administering this grant program.

Purpose Areas

JAG funds may be used for state initiatives and criminal justice systems that will improve or enhance the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams

SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and its designated representatives with consideration of the following:

- Past compliance with all financial and programmatic reporting requirements;
- Overall quality and completeness of the application;
- Explanation of proposed changes demonstrating their appropriateness; and
- Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. Determinations of the reasonableness of budget items are fully within the discretion of the Council and are made using objective tools and subjective decision-making. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below.

Applications for funding must undergo several reviews. At any point during those reviews, a decision to not fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the Council.

Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the JAG program application received in response to this solicitation is made by the Council and are based on the availability of funding and recommendations of the review panel to the Council's Board. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by either the Governor and/or Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within ten (10) business days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

JAG funds cannot be used directly or indirectly for security enhancements or equipment to nongovernmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety. Indirect costs, not limited to expenses such as accounting, payroll, data processing, purchasing, personnel, and building use, may not be requested through this grant program. In addition, the following items are prohibited:

- Vehicles, vessels, or aircraft;
- Luxury items;
- Trinkets, gift cards, and incentives;
- Real estate; and
- Construction projects, other than penal or correctional institutions
- Any similar matters

Minimization of Conference Costs

In accordance with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) policy, funds awarded under this grant cannot be used to purchase food and/or beverages for any meeting, conference, training, or other event. Exceptions to this restriction may be made only in cases where such sustenance is not otherwise available (i.e., extremely remote areas), or where there is a special presentation at a conference that requires a plenary address where there is no other time for sustenance to be obtained. Such an exception would require prior approval from the Council. This restriction does not apply to water provided at no cost but does apply to all other refreshments, regardless of the size or nature of the meeting. Additionally, this restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals in a travel status under your organization's travel policy.

Supplanting
Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Grant Acceptance
Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are returned to the Council's office.

Special Conditions
At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions as the Council deems appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the award date.

Fiscal Accountability

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements, and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Hourly timesheets describing work activity, signed by the employee and supervisor, to document hours personnel worked on grant-related activities.
- Maintenance of payroll authorizations and vouchers.
- Maintenance of records supporting charges for fringe benefits.
- Maintenance of inventory records for equipment purchased, rented, and contributed (as applicable).
- Maintenance of billing records for consumable supplies (i.e., paper, printing) purchased (as applicable).
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).
- Maintenance of travel records (i.e., mileage logs, gas receipts) (as applicable).
- Lease agreements, contracts services, and purchases of equipment that adhere to established procurement processes (as applicable).

Office of Civil Rights
Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302, all recipients of federal funds must be in compliance with EEOP and Civil Rights requirements. All programs that receive Byrne JAG funds or are subawarded Byrne JAG funds via program agreements are required to conform to the grant

program requirements and all applicable civil rights laws. Violations may result in suspension or termination of funding until CJCC determines the recipient is in compliance. Information on required biannual agency-wide Civil Rights trainings can be found at https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/home.

Nondiscrimination

Federal laws prohibit recipients of financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits. Findings of discrimination must be submitted to the Office for Civil Rights and to CJCC.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals

In accordance with Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency. For more information, access http://www.lep.gov. CJCC requires subgrantees to have written LEP plans that outline the policies and procedures for ensuring access to necessary forms of written and verbal communication.

Equal Employment Opportunity Plans

The applicant agency must meet the requirements of 28 CFR 42.301 et seq., Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP). If your agency needs technical assistance in preparing an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, please contact the Office for Civil Rights Compliance Specialist, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, D.C., (202) 307-0690.

Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

Performance measurement can be defined as the process of routinely measuring the outputs and outcomes produced by a program, thereby allowing one to assess the effectiveness of program investments and activities. It has been found that measuring performance builds consensus and commitment within the justice community, assists with the goal of obtaining and allocating resources, demonstrates success, and improves accountability.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, the federal entity that administers the JAG program, has developed performance measures for all JAG-funded program types. As such, the Council requires that all JAG-funded subgrantees complete a quarterly statistical report using BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT). The PMT will ultimately help states produce evidence-based guidance on monitoring and evaluating all programs.

PMT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities and due on the following dates:

Reporting Period	Due Date
July 1 – September 30	October 15
October 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – March 31	April 15
April 1 – June 30	July 15

Submission of performance measures data is not required for the application. Instead, applicants should discuss in their application proposed methods for collecting data for performance

measures. Refer to "Section IV: Application Form" for further guidance.

SECTION IV: APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be submitted online via CJCC's Grants Management System.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2026. The application must be submitted through the grants management system, IGX. Please see the accompanying step by step guides for more details and instructions on the application process.

Program Narrative

All applications must include narrative information using the format outlines within the provided application template. The breakdown below can be used to provide assistance to draft responses prior to submitting them with the grant application.

Statement of the Problem : The submission of this application presumes there is a definable problem, which will be solved either in whole or in part with the grant program for which funds are being requested. Describe the problem that justifies the need for funding.

Program Activities: Provide a description of the program and explain how the program's activities will address the problem identified in the previous section. Also include in this section:

- *Personnel/Competencies:* A list of personnel that your agency proposes to be funded and descriptions of their benefit to the program, if applicable.
- *Operations, Activities, and Equipment:* Clearly state the equipment and services that will be purchases and their necessity to agency operations. ***Note: all items requested in the budget summary and narrative must be clearly supported by project activities.***

Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures:

- Describe the program's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the previous section and outline the project's goals.
- Explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project's desired results. They should be clearly linked to the problem identified in the preceding section and measurable.
- Briefly describe the methods that will be used to collect data and report outcomes to the Council.

Partnerships and Collaborations: Briefly describe partnerships and collaborative efforts as they relate to the scope of the program, if applicable.

Program Budget and Sustainability Plan: The sustainability plan should be used to describe your agency's ability to support the program in the event funding through this solicitation is reduced or no longer available. We encourage all subgrantees to find alternative sources of funding to avoid being completely dependent on a sole funding source. Describe potential alternative sources of funding and a plan for continued operation and services should funding under Byrne JAG be reduced or eliminated.

SECTION V: BUDGETS

All applicants must complete a detailed budget with budget narrative within the grant management system. The narrative should include a breakdown of costs, as well as how funds will be allocated across approved budget categories of Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Consultants/Contracts, and Other.

All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowability of line item costs per program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.

The 2026 awards are only for continuation funding. The award amount received in 2025 should remain the same, pending availability of federal funds and compliance with programmatic and fiscal requirements imposed in your special conditions.

Required Attachments

Under Required Documents, please include the following attachments:

- Previous Year Accomplishments (1 page): Please upload a brief description of the program's accomplishments in the previous year. Please include any data pertaining to the scope of the extent of the program. **The description should be for the grant period of January 1, 2026 to date.** If your agency is unable to provide a response, provide a brief explanation of why the data is not available.
- Project Timeline: Please provide a objective based timeline for the project to cover January 1- December 31, 2027.

How to Apply

This application will be submitted through the new grants management system, https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov/. The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with the RFA guidelines in order for the submission or proposal to be considered for funding. Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. **To finalize the application, please have the Authorized Official select the checkbox and change the status to application submitted.** Remember to submit the application when you are finished with this section.

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- How to Complete an Application/Apply for Funding | Scribe
- How to Re-enter & Continue a Saved Grant Application | Scribe
- How To Cancel an Application | Scribe