

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CHIEFS:

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO POLICE AGENCIES ARISING OUT OF THE RECENTLY ADOPTED AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS BULLETIN FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS. JOHN LOVELL WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS 916-447-3820.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Office of Justice Programs website. It includes the U.S. Department of Justice logo, the text "U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs", and the slogan "Innovation * Partnerships * Safer Neighborhoods". Below this is a large "RECOVERY ACT" header. A navigation menu includes links for "OJP Home", "About OCOM", "Media Contacts", "Programs", and "Student Internships". A search bar contains the text "SEARCH NEWS" and a dropdown menu is open, showing a list of links: "Home", "Recovery Act", "Funding Resources", "Prevent/Detect Grant Fraud", "Report Grant Fraud/Abuse", "Learn about OJP's Programs", and "Solicitation Requirements".

OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.

The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The Recovery Act will inject \$787 billion into the economy, providing jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities. Among these resources is more than \$4 billion for state and local law enforcement and other criminal and juvenile justice activities. The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) which provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administering justice, and assisting victims, will administer \$2.76 billion of this funding.

Assistance Available through the Recovery Act and Administered by OJP:

- [The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program](#) - \$2 billion

Solicitations:

[Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Formula Program: State Solicitation](#)
[Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Formula Program: Local Solicitation](#)

The JAG Program, administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Funding that is awarded directly to the state governments, will be administered by a State Administering Agency (SAA) which will then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. Additional information about SAAs can be found here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm>.

Units of local government, established by OJP's Bureau of Justice Statistics, will also be eligible to apply for JAG funds. [Click here for a list of state and local allocations](#).

Questions? E-mail JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov.

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- [The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program](#) - \$225 million

Byrne Competitive Grants are similar to JAG grants and are focused on ensuring job growth and job retention. However, instead of providing grants based on a formula, BJA administers these funds based on a competitive application process. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the functioning of the criminal justice system. Information will be coming soon about how to apply for Byrne Competitive grants.

- [Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement](#) (construction of jails on tribal lands) - \$225 million

Information coming soon!

- [Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs](#) - \$125 million

Information coming soon!

- [Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas \(HIDTA\)](#) - \$30 million

Information coming soon!

- [Grants for Victim Compensation and Assistance](#) - \$100 million

The Recovery Act provides for \$100 million in funding for victim compensation and assistance. Of that \$100 million, \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded crime victim compensation programs, and an additional \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim assistance programs. OJP's Office for Victims of Crime will administer this funding and provide detailed guidance to the eligible state agencies on application and reporting requirements in the solicitations that are currently being developed. [Click here for a link to the state formula allocations](#).

Five million of the \$100 million will be directed to discretionary grant projects. The \$5 million will be used to make awards under the currently open National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects (NFG) competitive grant solicitation. Please be advised that numerous changes will be made to the NFG solicitation. The NFG solicitation deadline has been extended to March 17, 2009.

- [Grants for Internet Crimes Against Children Initiatives](#) - \$50 million

Administered by OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an

effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography. Additional information about how to apply will be announced soon.

The OJP funding listed above is in addition to \$1 billion to hire new police officers and \$225 million to combat violence against women. For more information on additional Department of Justice grant program opportunities please visit the [COPS Office](#) and the [Office on Violence Against Women](#). To learn about the Department of Justice's implementation of the Recovery Act, please visit www.usdoj.gov/recovery.

OJP encourages all interested and eligible applicants to register now to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a [DUNS \(Data Universal Numbering System\)](#) number and must register with the [Central Contractor Registration \(CCR\) registrant database](#) . A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government. Please visit www.grants.gov for more information.
