

**Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Subcommittee:**  
**Department of Justice**  
**Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**  
**State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**

**Program Description**

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

**General Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests for JAG Funds:**

The JAG program assists state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program.

Here are links to the Department's [guidance](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) regarding Byrne-JAG.

Committee approval is more likely for projects designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

**Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Subcommittee:**  
**Department of Justice**  
**Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**  
**Technology & Equipment**

**Program Description**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Community policing begins with a commitment to building trust and mutual respect between police and communities. It is critical to public safety, ensuring that all stakeholders work together to address our nation's crime challenges. When police and communities collaborate, they more effectively address underlying issues, change negative behavioral patterns, and allocate resources.

The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.

**General Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests for COPS Funds:**

COPS project funding will be provided for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).

This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

**Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Subcommittee:**  
**Department of Commerce**  
**National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**  
**Operations, Research & Facilities (ORF)**

**Program Description**

NOAA is an agency that enriches life through science. From daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring to fisheries management, coastal restoration and supporting marine commerce, NOAA's products and services support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America's gross domestic product. The Operations, Research, & Facilities funding is available within the following programs: National Ocean Service; National Marine Fisheries Service; Oceanic & Atmospheric Research; National Environmental Satellite, Data, & Info Services; and Mission Support.

**General Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests for ORF Funds:**

Community project funding for NOAA will only be considered within the Operations, Research & Facilities (ORF) account. Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within their existing authorities.

The subcommittee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the National Weather Service or the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

Coastal Zone Management funds are distributed to states on a formula basis and will not be considered for community project funding.

Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

**Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Subcommittee:**  
**National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)**  
**NASA Safety, Security & Mission Services (SSMS)**

**Program Description**

NASA's SSMS program manages the administration of the Agency, operates and maintains its centers and facilities, and provides oversight to reduce risk to life and mission for all its programs.

**General Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests for SSMS Funds:**

Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education activities and scientific research. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.