

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies - CA 52 Community Project Requests FY24

All community project funding requests must meet the eligibility requirements for the specific program within which funding is provided. Only certain programs in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill have been designated to receive community project funding requests.

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee is reviewing community project requests ONLY in the five categories listed below. Project requests that do not fit into one of these categories will not be eligible for community project funding.

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) under the Department of Justice

COPS Technology and Equipment under the Department of Justice

NOAA Coastal Zone Management under the Department of Commerce

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services

National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Services

The subcommittee will not accept project requests in any other account. The guidance for eligible projects under each agency is below. Please read the below guidance in its entirety, and confirm you have read and understand the descriptions, prior to submission.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)*

Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities.

Purpose & Federal Nexus

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

Prohibited Uses

34 U.S.C. 10152(d) provides:

(d) Prohibited uses

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds provided under this part may be used, directly or indirectly, to provide any of the following matters:

(1) Any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.

- (2) Unless the Attorney General certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of such funds to provide such matters essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order-
- (A) vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters);
 - (B) luxury items;
 - (C) real estate;
 - (D) construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions); or
 - (E) any similar matters.

In addition, the Chair will not support the use of Byrne Justice Community Project Funding for the following:

- 1) Initiatives that involve the distribution of drug paraphernalia.
- 2) Initiatives that undermine the 2nd Amendment or infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution without due process of law.
- 3) Initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement or unrelated to criminal justice.
- 4) Larger projects for the construction or renovation of penal or correctional institutions that will exceed the capability of single-year funding.

Prioritization of Projects

In the event of limited funding, the Chair will prioritize projects focused on improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis, and other strategic priorities.

Requirements:

- 1) Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.
- 2) Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding the Byrne-JAG program, which may help guide you in gauging the eligibility of a proposed Byrne project:
 - a) <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>
 - b) <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf>
- 3) Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation.

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment

COPS Technology and Equipment projects support state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to develop and procure the technology and equipment needed to respond more quickly and effectively, improve officer safety, increase transparency and enhance community relations

Purpose & Federal Nexus

Funding must be aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). As such, the Chairman will consider projects to develop and/or acquire technologies and equipment, including interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and

forensic technology, to assist State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, including by reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime and training law enforcement officers to use such technologies.

Eligible recipients for COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding are State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

Funding for building construction or renovation projects is not an eligible use of COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOAA Coastal Zone Management

Coastal Zone Management projects support the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.

Purpose & Federal Nexus

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NOAA's mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

Cost-Share Requirements

Coastal Zone Management projects are subject to any applicable cost-share required by law under the Coastal Zone Management Program.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services projects support science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.

Purpose & Federal Nexus

Funding must be for activities advancing the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. Projects should focus on science, education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.

The following projects will not be considered for NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services Community Project Funding: 1) building construction or renovation projects and 2)

medical research projects.

NIST SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES (STRS)

NIST Scientific and Technical Research projects support standards-related research and technology development.

Purpose & Federal Nexus

Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

Note: Funding for building construction or renovation projects is not an eligible use of NIST Scientific and Technical Research Community Project Funding.

* Indicates required question

1. Which account are you requesting funds from for this specific project? *

Mark only one oval.

- Dept. of Justice, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- Dept. of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment
- Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NOAA Coastal Zone Management
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services
- NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

2. Please provide the full dollar amount you are requesting. *

3. What is the title of your project? *

4. Please provide your project description. (No more than 1,000 words, please.) *

Project Details

5. Please confirm you have emailed a detailed budget breakdown, to the relevant staffer. In that *
breakdown, please be sure to explain how the funds are anticipated to be spent, broken out
by discrete activity.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

6. What is the total cost of the project? *

7. If the requested amount does not fully fund the total cost of the project, please describe *
where the remaining funding will be coming from, to cover the remaining costs.

8. Is this funding for a new project or ongoing project? *

Mark only one oval.

New

Ongoing

9. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity? If so, please explain. *

10. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If so, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

11. Does your funding request span over one year? (Note: Per committee requirements, we cannot accept a request that spans more than one year.) *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

12. Is this project able to obligate all of the requested funds by no later than 12 months after the enactment of the FY24 Appropriations Act? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

13. If you answered "yes" to the prior question, please provide details. *

14. If there are additional costs necessary to complete this project outside of those you are requesting, have those been secured? Please include in your answer the source of additional funding, broken down by activity. *

15. Does your entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided? If so, please list the entities and anticipated amounts? *

Details about Entity Requesting Funds

16. Are you a public, non-profit, or private entity? *

Mark only one oval.

- Public
- Non-Profit
- Private
- Other: _____

17. Official Name of Organization or Government Entity Requesting Funds *

18. Name of Point of Contact for Office *

19. Website for Entity Requesting Funds *

20. Requesting Entity Staff Contact Email *

21. Requesting Entity Staff Contact Phone *

22. Requesting Entity Full Address *

23. Please provide the address of the project, if applicable. *

24. If you are a nonprofit organization, please confirm that you have sent the relevant staffer evidence that you are a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I am not representing a non-profit.

25. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, your non-profit rated four stars by Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org)? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

26. If no, please submit the following documentation with your request for community project funding: (1) The last 5 years of tax returns, (2) Salaries of all employees of the non-profit, (3) Complete list of donors for the non-profit (4) What percentage of expenses are (a) program expenses (nonprofit's total expenses spent on program and services it delivers); (b) administrative expenses; and (c) fundraising expenses. Please confirm you have emailed this information to the relevant staffer. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

Community Support

27. Has your project been included in a State-established list or intended use plan? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

28. If you answered "yes" to the above question, please provide a link to that list or intended use plan. *

29. If not thoroughly discussed in the project description, please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall goals and objectives of the proposed project. *

30. Why should this project be a priority for the district? What needs will the project meet that are not already being met? *

31. Please confirm whether you have emailed the relevant staffer evidence of community support for this project as a priority for our district. Such evidence of support may include: (1) letters of support from elected community leaders, (2) press articles highlighting the need for the requested community project funding, (3) support from newspaper editorial boards, (4) projects listed in state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents, (5) resolutions passed by city councils or boards, or other compelling evidence of community support. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

32. Please provide a list of all entities who have expressed support for this project, and whether you have submitted a document to the appropriate staffer as evidence of that support. *

33. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts? *

Funding Background

34. Has the project been funded by any entity other than the federal government in the past? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

35. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, how much funding has been provided to date? Please provide a breakdown of the funding by source, and by discrete activity. *

36. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including dollar amount per activity and timelines for funding. *

37. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

38. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization. *

39. Has the project received federal funding before? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

40. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please describe how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s). *

41. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget, including the presidential budget for FY24? If so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)? *

42. Please list the amount of funding, if any, that was enacted in the fiscal year 2023 Appropriations package and used towards this project. *

43. If the project has been funded in the past, were the funds provided for discrete activities? If so, please list those activities. *

44. Does the federal agency have matching requirements for this project in order to fund the project? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Unknown

45. If you answered "yes" to the above question, please describe in detail the plan meet to these matching requirements, including the anticipated sources of matching funds, the likelihood of securing agreement from those sources, and a timeline including the steps you plan to take to secure those sources. *

46. Are the proposed project activities consistent with the Federal agency's activities? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

47. Please provide an explanation of why the request is a good use of taxpayer funds. (This will *
be posted publicly to the Congressman's website.)

48. Please provide an explanation the federal nexus for the project in reference to the *
appropriate statute listed below (This will be posted publicly to the Congressman's
website):

1) NIST Scientific & Technical Research - Funding must be for activities consistent with,
and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and
activities described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

2) NOAA Coastal Zone Management - Funding must be for activities consistent with, and
supportive of, NOAA's mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in
the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

3) Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) - Funding must be for activities consistent with,
and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of
the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501
of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

4) COPS Technology and Equipment - Funding must be aligned with the purposes of
section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §
10381(b)(8)).

5) NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services - Funding must be for activities advancing
the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. Projects should
focus on science, education, research, and technology development related to NASA's
mission.

49. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

50. Have requests for the same project been submitted for any other community project account? If so, please list them, including the agency and subcommittee to which that account is assigned. *

Project Oversight

51. What is the estimated start date of the project? [mm/dd/yy] *

52. What is the estimated completion date of the project? [mm/dd/yy] *

53. What is the current developmental status of this project? *

54. Is the project a capital project or will the funds support operating costs? *

Mark only one oval.

- Capital Project
- Operating Costs
- Planning and Design
- Other: _____

55. Provide the oversight and management structure, including accountability measures, of the project. Who will oversee and be accountable for the administration/management of the project? *

56. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission? *

57. Please explicitly state the desired outcome of the project, and how it would benefit the community. *

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG),
Account-Specific Questions

Please thoroughly answer the below questions to ensure consideration of your project.

58. Please confirm that you have reviewed all statutory and regulatory requirements of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant recipients and subrecipients, and that your project is consistent with each of these requirements.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 I will not be using this account for the project.

59. Is this project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 I will not be using this account for the project.

60. Is this request to fund primarily the purchase of a vehicle or multiple vehicles? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 I will not be using this account for the project.

61. Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? *

Check all that apply.

- Funding acquisition of property
- Funding construction of a building
- Funding acquisition of a building
- I will not be using this account for the project.

62. Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

63. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes? (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

64. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

65. If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

66. Please provide any additional information that you believe we should know about your intended project. (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

Community Oriented Policing Services, Account-Specific Questions

Please thoroughly answer the below questions to ensure consideration of your project.

67. Is the recipient a State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agency?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

68. Is this request to fund primarily the purchase of a vehicle or multiple vehicles? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

69. Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? *

Check all that apply.

- Funding acquisition of property
- Funding construction of a building
- Funding acquisition of a building
- I will not be using this account for the project.

70. Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? *

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- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

71. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes? (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

72. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? *

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- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

73. If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

74. Please provide any additional information that you believe we should know about your intended project. (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

NOAA Coastal Zone Management

Please thoroughly answer the below questions to ensure consideration of your project.

75. Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NOAA at any time in the past ten years? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

76. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes? (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

77. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

78. If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

79. Please provide any additional information that you believe we should know about your intended project. (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services

Please thoroughly answer the below questions to ensure consideration of your project.

80. Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NASA at any time in the past ten years? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

81. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes? (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

82. Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

83. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

84. If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

85. Please provide any additional information that you believe we should know about your intended project. (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

Please thoroughly answer the below questions to ensure consideration of your project.

86. Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NIST at any time in the past ten years? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I will not be using this account for the project.

87. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes? (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

88. Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

89. If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project. *

90. Please provide any additional information that you believe we should know about your intended project. (If you are not using this account for your project, please write "not using account" in the space below.) *

Confirmation

91. Is any entity that would be receiving this grant in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by a government agency? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

92. If you answered "yes" to the above question, please provide details. *

93. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, Local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If so, please provide details *

94. I confirm that I have read all of the listed requirements for this project. I also confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information I have provided is truthful and complete, and that the project complies with the listed requirements. (Please write your full name below.) *

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