

FY2021 BYRNE JAG ANNUAL REPORT

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Office of Grants and Research

Discuss the changing circumstances in the state if any, since the strategic plan was adopted.

Other than the current Pandemic faced by the Nation, Massachusetts has not had any other changing circumstances that have affected the original Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) that was submitted in FY19. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR) was a recipient of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) which assisted in meeting some of the many needs faced by Massachusetts, enabling us to keep the FY19-24 Strategic Plan and JAG Program spending areas the same in this 3rd year (FY21) of the 5-Year Strategic Plan. EOPSS OGR subawarded CESF funding to 118 agencies totaling over \$9.9 million dollars that those agencies utilized to purchase much needed Personal Protective Equipment and supplies to first responders. The FY19-24 Strategic Plan and FY20 Program Narrative reflect the same Strategic Plan and goals going forward for FY21.

Describe how the state plans to adjust funding within and among each of the JAG Program areas.

Massachusetts does not plan to adjust funding within and among each of the JAG Program Areas at this time. However, as we are all well aware situations can arise that may require a different approach than originally planned. As of the preparation of the FY21 application, Massachusetts subawarded almost all FY19 and FY20 Byrne JAG funds in accordance with the Strategic Plan and JAG Program Areas identified in the FY19 and 20 applications.

Provide an ongoing assessment of need.

EOPSS OGR conducts ongoing needs assessments throughout the year with regard to not only Byrne JAG funding, but for OGR's federal and state grant funding as a whole. OGR's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) takes the lead by providing up-to-date research, statistics and analysis that support funding decisions. EOPSS and OGR Leadership sits on a number of statewide public safety boards and committees that also include Leadership from Health and Human Services, Victim Services, Department of Youth Services, Probation, Parole, Courts, Community Groups/Organizations, Local Law Enforcement and Indigent Defense, just to name a few. Their purpose is to identify the most pressing needs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and strategically identify ways to meet those needs.

Discuss the accomplishment of the goals identified in the strategic plan.

Massachusetts was able to offer a competitive solicitation for FY19 and FY20 Byrne JAG funds (along with remaining FFY17 funds) in correlation to the FY19-24 Strategic plan. There were over 150 subawards made to law enforcement agencies, totaling over \$4.34 million dollars, in line with the identified Byrne JAG program areas in the Strategic Plan and Proposal Narrative. EOPSS, OGR was also able to provide much needed Byrne JAG set aside funds to enable the Massachusetts State Police, Department of Correction, Massachusetts National Guard and District Attorney's Offices to purchase equipment, provide trainings and implement diversion programs.

Reflect how the plan influenced funding decisions in the previous year.

The Massachusetts FY19-24 Strategic Plan and Byrne JAG application have enabled EOPSS OGR to successfully implement its FY19 and 20 JAG Program Areas and priorities. Since last year's application was the second year of the 5-year Strategic Plan cycle, it enabled EOPSS OGR to focus on the goals submitted in the FY20 Byrne JAG application, which are similar to the FY19 Byrne JAG goals:

- Youth: Reduce firearm related crime, youth violence, and gang association and activity.
- Reentry: Reduce recidivism and future victimization, as well as increase the chances for success for offenders leaving incarceration and returning to our communities.
- DV/SA: Reduce the incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as increase the level of effective and appropriate services for these victims.
- Opioids/Meth/Illegal Drugs: Prevent, enforce, and treat substance abuse (including illegal drugs, prescriptions drugs, and alcohol).
- Prosecution: Improve and enhance investigations, prosecutions, services for victims of crime, and other District Attorney-based programs.
- Research: Support initiatives demonstrating evidence-based, promising and/or best practices while also using data to inform and validate JAG programming.