

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Availability and Award of Funds

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

The Department of Law and Public Safety (Department), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, announces the availability and award of the following non-competitive subawards funded by FFY 23 JAG program funds:

County Prosecutors' Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces Program \$2,180,000

Under this program, \$2,180,000 in formula grant funding will be offered to support the twenty-one (21) County Prosecutors' Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces Program. Funding will support the Task Forces' mission to suppress street gangs engaged in violence, gun possession, and narcotics distribution.

The FFY23 base funding allocation for each county prosecutor's office was \$25,000. Additional funding is based on objective crime data reported in the NJ State Police's 2022 Uniform Crime Report. The formula consists of the following statistics and corresponding weights: 1) Population (10 percent), 2) Violent offenses (70 percent), 3) Drug distribution arrests (20 percent.) The funding allocation is for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Each county has been allocated the following award amounts:

Atlantic	\$105,858
Bergen	\$105,645
Burlington	\$79,594
Camden	\$217,197
Cape May	\$44,400
Cumberland	\$74,542
Essex	\$246,040
Gloucester	\$75,817
Hudson	\$132,664
Hunterdon	\$31,573
Mercer	\$133,211
Middlesex	\$147,756
Monmouth	\$122,541
Morris	\$61,313
Ocean	\$114,747
Passaic	\$195,185
Salem	\$36,169
Somerset	\$57,972
Sussex	\$34,285
Union	\$127,375
Warren	\$36,116

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey on behalf of University Behavioral Health Care - COP2COP **\$160,000**

Under this program, \$160,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey on behalf of University Behavioral Health Care. This funding will be used to support the Law Enforcement COP2COP confidential 24 hour/7 days a week helpline, which provides crisis intervention services to law enforcement communities throughout the state. The program focuses on suicide prevention and mental health support for law enforcement. The funding is for a 12-month period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Division of Criminal Justice Multi-Jurisdictional Gangs, Organized Crime & Narcotics Task Force **\$900,000**

Under this program, \$900,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the Division of Criminal Justice. The funding will continue to support the Task Force that investigates and prosecutes members of criminal gang organizations, gun traffickers and gun trafficking organizations, whose operations transcend county jurisdictions or operate across State lines into or out of New Jersey. The DCJ Statewide Task Force works cooperatively with federal, county and local law enforcement officials. The funding is for a 12-month period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Division of Criminal Justice Prosecutor Supervision Training Initiative **\$18,218**

Under this program, \$18,218 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the Division of Criminal Justice. The funding will continue to support the Prosecutor Supervision Training Initiative which ensures the availability of cost-free, high quality training to law enforcement officers engaged in the investigation of gangs, drugs and related violent criminal activity in the State. The funding is for a 12-month period from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

Division of Criminal Justice Anti-Corruption Initiative**\$227,970**

Under this program, \$227,970 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the Division of Criminal Justice. The funding will continue to support the goal of the Anti-Corruption Initiative which is to combat and deter matters involving criminal abuses of the public trust. Funds will be used to pay for costs associated with Deputy Attorney General(s) and Detective(s) assigned to the project. The DAG(s) and Detective(s) will work on cases involving criminal abuses of the public trust and other sensitive matters, including public corruption cases, civil rights violations involving law enforcement officers and agencies, internal affairs investigations, and wrongful conviction claims. The funding is for a 12-month period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Office of Justice Data Initiative**\$180,000**

Under this program, \$180,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the Office of Justice Data. The funding will continue to support the goal of the Office of Justice Data which is tasked with producing reports and data analysis on justice related topics in the State to inform policymakers of data trends and to promote transparency regarding law enforcement matters. Specific planned projects include implementation of legislation requiring a statewide program to collect, record, and analyze data relating to criminal defendants (P.L. 2020, c. 120), asset forfeiture reporting requirements (P.L. 2019, c. 304), juvenile justice (P.L. 2019, c. 363), law enforcement officer suicides (P.L. 2019, c. 368), drug monitoring data (P.L. 2019, c. 504), and recruitment of minority officers (P.L. 2020, c. 107). In addition, the Office of Justice Data will also be analyzing Use of Force data and traffic stop data. The funding is for a 12-month period from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

New Jersey State Police Ballistic Lab Technician **\$63,272**

Under this program, \$63,272 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the New Jersey State Police. Funding will be utilized for expert examinations of firearms-related evidence gathered from crime scenes. Technicians will also provide expert testimony in court regarding the types and specific firearms utilized in the commission a crime. The funding is for a 12-month period from September 21, 2024, through September 20, 2025.

New Jersey State Police Auto Theft Task Force **\$125,000**

Under this program, \$125,000 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the New Jersey State Police. The funding will support programs to combat an increase in auto thefts. The funding is for a 12-month period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

New Jersey State Police Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) **\$125,313**

Under this program, \$125,313 in grant funding will be offered and awarded to the New Jersey State Police (NJSP). Funding will be utilized for the NJSP Statewide Networked Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program, NJ SNAP. The program was founded in 2022 and works to connect all of the state's law enforcement ALPRs into one interface for querying while simultaneously managing and expanding locations of all NJSP owned ALPR cameras. NJ SNAP has the ability to tactically and strategically set an ALPR blanket across the state. Additional locations for ALPR installation will make it easier for police to solve auto theft and work to prevent violent and gun crimes. The goal of this investment will allow law enforcement access to technology and data that will curtail violent crime and motor vehicle theft by identifying criminal patterns, trends, and violent recidivist offenders to develop and inform public safety programs, strategies, and initiatives. The funding is for a 12-month period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Eligible recipients of the non-competitive FFY23 JAG program funds will receive application guidelines and all required application forms, via e-mail. Applications must be completed and submitted 45 days from receipt of the emailed application. Applicants will be notified of their award within 45 days of receipt of their submitted application. Application packages should be submitted to the Grant Operations Section at: Grants@njoag.gov and their grant analyst should be copied as well. If there are any questions regarding the programs described above or about the application process, please contact the Department of Law and Public Safety at Grants@njoag.gov.

Upon approval of project narrative and budget, applicants will receive subaward contract documents for approval and signature. Subrecipients must comply with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements for approval and/or reimbursement of costs incurred during the project period.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award

period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.