

Cross-sector collaboration to advance crisis response

Byrne JAG and Byrne SCIP: Working with the State Administering Agencies

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What is a State Administering Agency (SAA)?

- Administer (most of) the Department of Justice state formula grants, as well as a wide range of state grant funds
- Work and fund initiatives across the justice system
- Conduct strategic planning and policy development
- Identify and fill gaps, including across disciplines
- Allocate statewide resources
- Research

The SAA Agencies: Budgets, Staffing, Grantmaking



Average SAA annual budget is \$188 million



Average SAA FTEs is 70, however, the range is 6 - 434



Average total federal funds administered is \$52.5 million



Average number of grants awarded yearly is 611

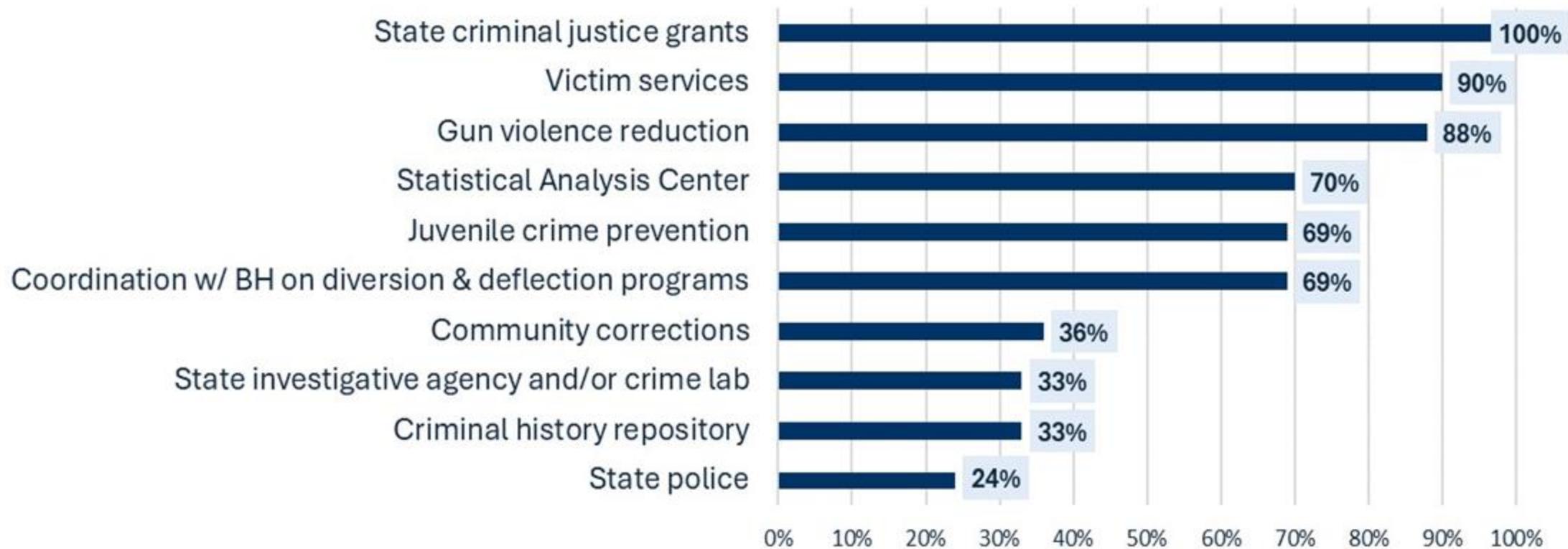


Average total state funds administered is \$140 million

SAA Roles and Responsibilities are Broad

Agency Roles

(n=41)



What is Byrne JAG?

- The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program is the DOJ's cornerstone criminal justice funding to states and localities
- The hallmark of Byrne JAG is its flexibility. Funds can be used across the justice system for:
 - Prevention and education programs
 - Law enforcement
 - Prosecution, defense and courts
 - Corrections and community corrections
 - Drug treatment and enforcement
 - Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs
 - Crime victim and witness programs
 - Mental health and related programs
 - Crisis intervention programs and initiatives (added by BSCA in 2022)
- Current annual funding is about \$350 million annually

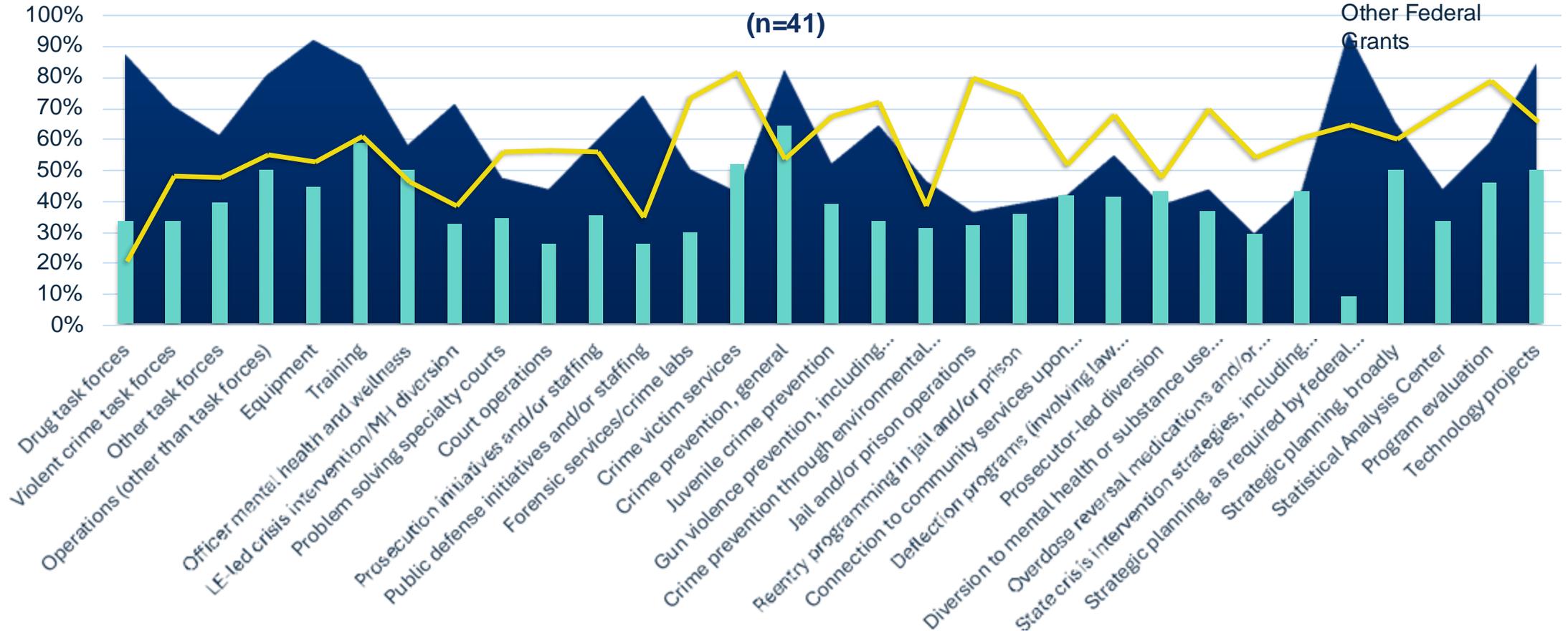
Examples of crisis-related programs supported by Byrne JAG

- CIT training
- Law enforcement de-escalation training
- Early adoption of Community Violence Intervention
- Early adoption of co-responder models
- Community-based mental health support programs
- Specialized training on mental health issues for law enforcement, courts and other justice system personnel
- Criminal justice data sharing and public-facing dashboards
- Wide variety of reentry support programs
- Case management for behavioral health needs

Programs Span the Justice System

Focus of Federal and State Grants (n=41)

■ Byrne JAG
■ State
— Grants
■ Other Federal Grants



What is Byrne SCIP?

- The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), signed into law in June 2022, amended Byrne JAG to add a focus on reducing firearm-related violence and created a standalone program called the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP).
- Allowable uses include:
 - Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs, policies and awareness
 - Mental health, drug and veterans' treatment courts and court programs
 - Crisis intervention programs and practices
- BSCA funded the crisis intervention work at \$150 million/year for five years

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP:

Community-based programming

- Increasing capacity of existing mobile crisis teams by adding staff, extending service hours and expanding into rural areas
- Expanding existing suicide prevention programs
- Rapid Care Coordination and Treatment team that quickly connects high risk individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges to services
- A behavioral health liaison position to work across agencies and with community behavioral health providers to facilitate collaboration and better responses
- Partnering with community health organizations to deploy community health workers to provide linkages to services to students and families at risk of firearm violence

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP:

Law enforcement

- De-escalation training for officers, including virtual reality training simulators
- Expanding Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs and associated training, including a focus on interpersonal gun violence
- Providing behavioral health-related training to support police officers, first responders and dispatch personnel as they respond to crises
- Co-responder related programming— expanding existing initiatives, offering additional training, and embedding co-responders within the police department to facilitate improved and timely access to mental health resources.
- Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track and return firearms.

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP: *Courts, prosecution, defense and ERPOs*

- Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) training, education and public awareness campaigns/initiatives
- Strengthen courts' capacity and programs by:
 - including individuals with violent offenses
 - providing emergency/transitional housing support when necessary
 - hiring and training clinicians, case managers and treatment court coordinators
 - implementing screening tools to assess risk of committing firearm/violent crime
- Coordinating between a women's center and a district attorney to address threats posed by access to firearms
- Implementing holistic public defense representation, including risk-needs assessments, connection to services that mitigate clients' risk of violence and access to interventions
- Domestic violence training for victim advocates and local law enforcement

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP:

Juveniles and schools

- Crisis-focused mobile diversion supporting multiple middle and high schools
- Mental wellness workers in schools and early childhood centers
- De-escalation training, digital threat assessment and trauma response for school resource officers (SRO)s
- After school programming for older youth, including STEM and workforce development
- Mental health and wellness/social learning afterschool programs for at-risk youth
- Juvenile Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping project
- Immediate firearm detection technology in schools
- Education, training and resources on topics including brain development, juvenile mental health interventions, school safety responses and threat assessments

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP:

Corrections and firearm safety

○ **Corrections**

- Expanding existing jail navigator programming
- Adding case managers and peer specialists
- Providing CIT training for jail staff

○ **Firearm safety**

- Statewide campaigns promoting safe firearm storage practices and evaluation
- Offering free safe storage devices for firearms such as lock boxes, vaults and gun locks
- Employing “peacekeepers” and “neighborhood change agents” to conduct street outreach, conflict mediation and social media responses to firearm violence
- Developing a resiliency center for crisis intervention support after a mass violence event

Examples of programs supported by Byrne SCIP:

Assessment and evaluation

- Evaluation of a 988 hotline in helping to prevent gun violence and understanding new ways for 988 to intervene, with the goal of reducing suicidal and homicidal attempts by firearm
- Supporting a statewide crisis system landscape assessment that will include planning and information gathering, data collection and synthesis, and action planning
- Evaluation of the relationships between the statutes that prohibit individuals convicted of a felony from possessing firearms and that require enhanced penalties for crimes involving weapons on future incidents of firearm-related offenses per county per year
- Research on the relationship between involuntary job loss, firearm offenses and suicide by firearm
- Qualitative research to inform a messaging campaign designed to encourage secure firearm home storage

Perspective of the SAAs