

# JAG 2022

## FUNDING SUMMARY

**2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant  
Award Recommendations**

**Award Period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023**

# INTRODUCTION

This is the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Executive Summary for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award Recommendations, which will encompass the grant period October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023.

The mission of the JPSC is to ensure the safety and security of Kentucky communities through a fair and impartial administration of taxpayer resources. Our approach centers on protecting citizens, restoring victims and reforming wrongdoers - all in a focused environment where everything is measured for accountability and performance. The Cabinet seeks the best possible return from our public safety investment, using evidence-informed programs, fiscal discipline, and data-driven strategies. Likewise, we are committed to holding offenders to the highest standards of personal accountability and responsibility.

The Grants Management Division (GMD), within the JPSC, prepared this Funding Summary.

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# JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (34 U.S.C. 10151-10726) is the primary vehicle of federal criminal justice funding to states and local jurisdictions. JAG funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2022 will be awarded to subgrantees to fund enhancements for law enforcement agencies and for nonprofit agencies to build innovative programs.

The legislatively authorized purpose areas are flexible and designed to enable states to target resources where the need is greatest. In general, JAG funds awarded to a state may be used to hire additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas:



## JAG Purpose Areas

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams

## STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC) is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for federal criminal justice grants in Kentucky. The JPSC coordinates diverse funding sources, including JAG grants, to assure delivery of the most efficient and effective programs and policy development. Within the JPSC, the Grants Management Division (GMD) is responsible for administration of JAG subawards from application through closeout, as well as subrecipient monitoring and implementation of an annual competitive JAG solicitation process.

As the SAA, the JPSC has discretion to determine which organizations will receive funds, and the amount of their awards, subject to the requirements of JAG and the provisions of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) programmatic and financial guidelines. The JPSC ensures compliance with the pass through requirement that designates 40.5% of Kentucky JAG funds for local units of government.

## FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The JPSC was awarded \$2,282,045 in JAG funds for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-23. At the time the state solicitation was opened, the final award amount was unknown. Accordingly, Kentucky's JAG 2022-23 solicitation conveyed an anticipated \$1,600,000 million in funding would be available to programs based on award projections.

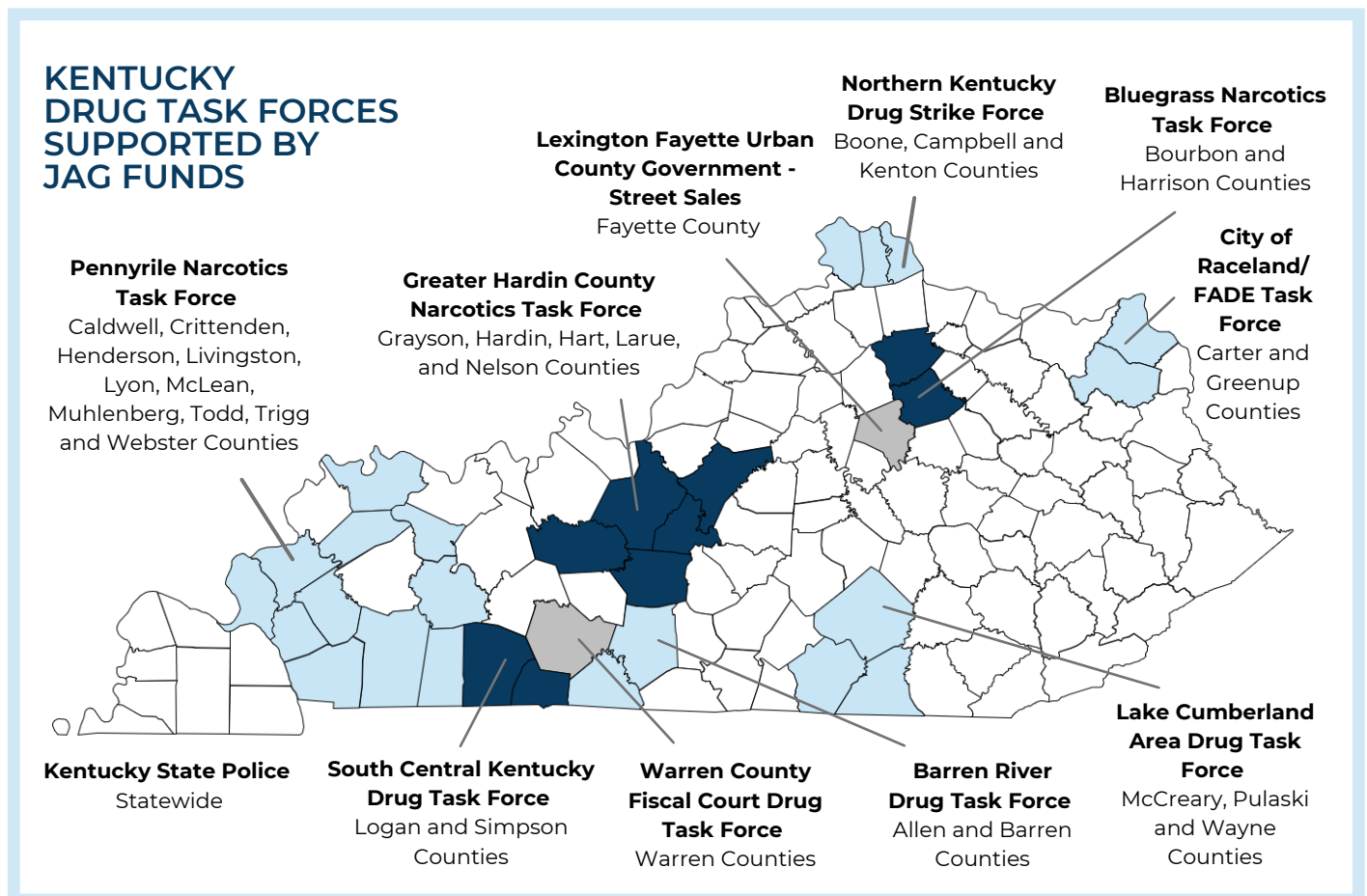
### JAG Funding Priorities

- 01** To provide meaningful addiction treatment and recovery services to help inmates and juvenile offenders overcome addiction and stronger substance abuse treatment and prevention programs to combat drug addiction within Kentucky communities.
- 02** To aggressively pursue and implement smart-on-crime reforms to reduce prison and jail populations and decrease recidivism while preserving public safety.
- 03** To address bias and racism in our justice system.
- 04** To strengthen law enforcement training to continue public safety in our communities.

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

Historically, Kentucky has placed special emphasis on multi-jurisdictional drug task forces (DTFs) that provide specialized law enforcement support to and in coordination with local, state, and federal agencies, and advance statewide drug control priorities. In 2021, one hundred percent of JAG funds supported DTFs across the state. Based on input from stakeholders, including law enforcement, lawmakers, treatment and prevention professionals, and concerned citizens, the JPSC adopted a Strategic Plan with new priorities for JAG funding.

The *JAG 2020 Annual Report* prepared in accordance with the 2020 JAG solicitation and the *DTFs and JAG Funding Priorities 2021* resource published on the JPSC GMD website communicated these priorities to recipients of prior year JAG awards and potential applicants. All applicants were notified that JPSC GMD would continue funding DTFs, primarily those with a goal of disrupting mid- to upper-level drug trafficking organizations, and which track performance over time and demonstrate efficiency.



## JAG 2022-23 SOLICITATION

As the SAA, the JPSC GMD follows a documented methodology for selecting subrecipients, follows the DOJ BJA rules and guidelines, and typically uses a competitive process to fund eligible subrecipients. The JAG 2022-23 solicitation was publicly advertised and open from May 16 to June 17, 2022. Applications were submitted in *Intelligrants 10* (IGX), the JPSC's electronic Grants Management System. GMD staff were available throughout the application process to offer technical assistance with the IGX platform.

- A total of 13 prospective subrecipients applied for JAG 2022-23 awards and requested a total federal share of \$2,137,944.
- 11 of the 13 applicants had received JAG awards in the prior award period to support continuation of DTF activities.
- 2 new applications from law enforcement agencies were received. One agency requested funding for two Community Mental Health Support Officers. The other requested support for a police social worker coordinator.

## AWARD RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

A fair and consistent methodology was applied to all application review and recommendation decisions. Applicants were notified of the application review criteria and process through the solicitation. The process is summarized below:

### **JAG 2022-23 AWARD RECOMMENDATION PROCESS**

#### **Application Review**

Each application was reviewed by at least two external Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). SMEs generated reviewer comments for each application, which will be made available to applicants upon request. Additionally, each application was reviewed by three (3) members of the GMD staff/internal SMEs who also generated reviewer comments.

#### **Subject Matter Expert Group Review Meetings**

GMD staff/internal SMEs participated in a series of meetings to review the applications, generate risk assessment scores, consider reviewer comments, and make initial funding recommendations.

## AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

**\$1,956,195** in JAG 2022-23 awards were recommended by GMD in support of 13 programs. All applicants received awards and for most applicants, all requested, allowable expenses were funded.

JAG 2022 Subrecipients	Funding Allocation
Barren River Drug Task Force	\$114,545.00
City of Georgetown	\$147,558.00
City of Hodgenville	\$52,534.00
City of Raceland/FADE Task Force	\$135,893.00
Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force	\$196,307.00
HCSO/Bluegrass Narcotics Task Force	\$78,278.00
Kentucky State Police	\$372,828.00
Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force	\$152,636.00
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government - Street Sales	\$30,000.00
Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force	\$137,791.00
Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force	\$281,453.00
South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force	\$114,789.00
Warren County Fiscal Court Drug Task Force	\$141,583.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,956,195.00</b>

## FINAL APPROVAL

GMD's award recommendations were submitted to JPSC leadership and the Governor's Office for final approval.

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