

Criminal Justice Funding on Capitol Hill: History and Hope

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Agenda and Overview

- Current landscape
- Trends in justice funding
- FY11 budget request
- NCJA data collection
- Legislation on the horizon

Current Landscape

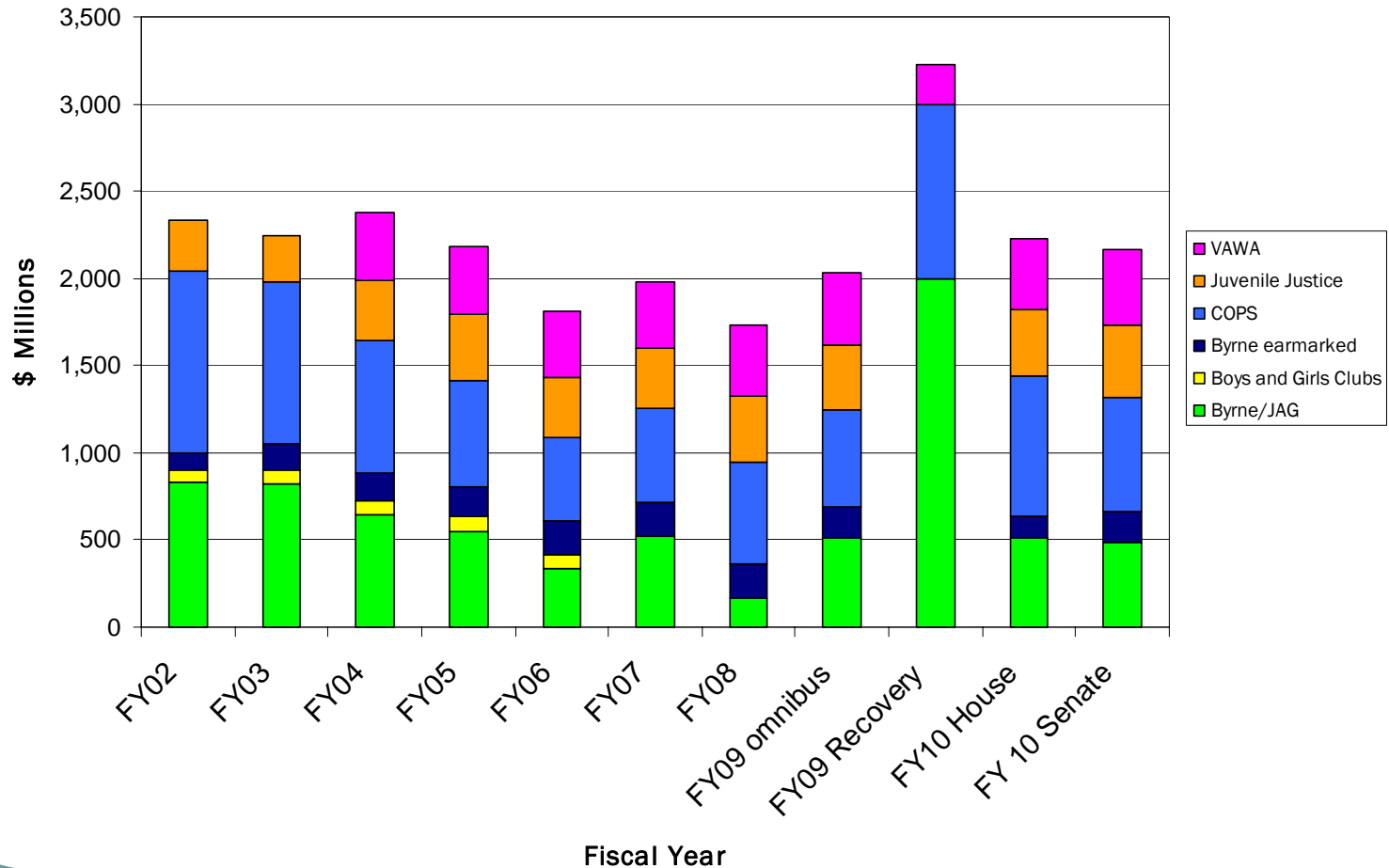
- Frenetic post-election activity followed by the slow slog of legislating
- Value of Recovery Act being questioned
- FY11 budget includes new grant ideas
- Appropriations cmtes beginning hearings
- Significant new legislation on the horizon, but pace has slowed

Trends in Justice Program Funding

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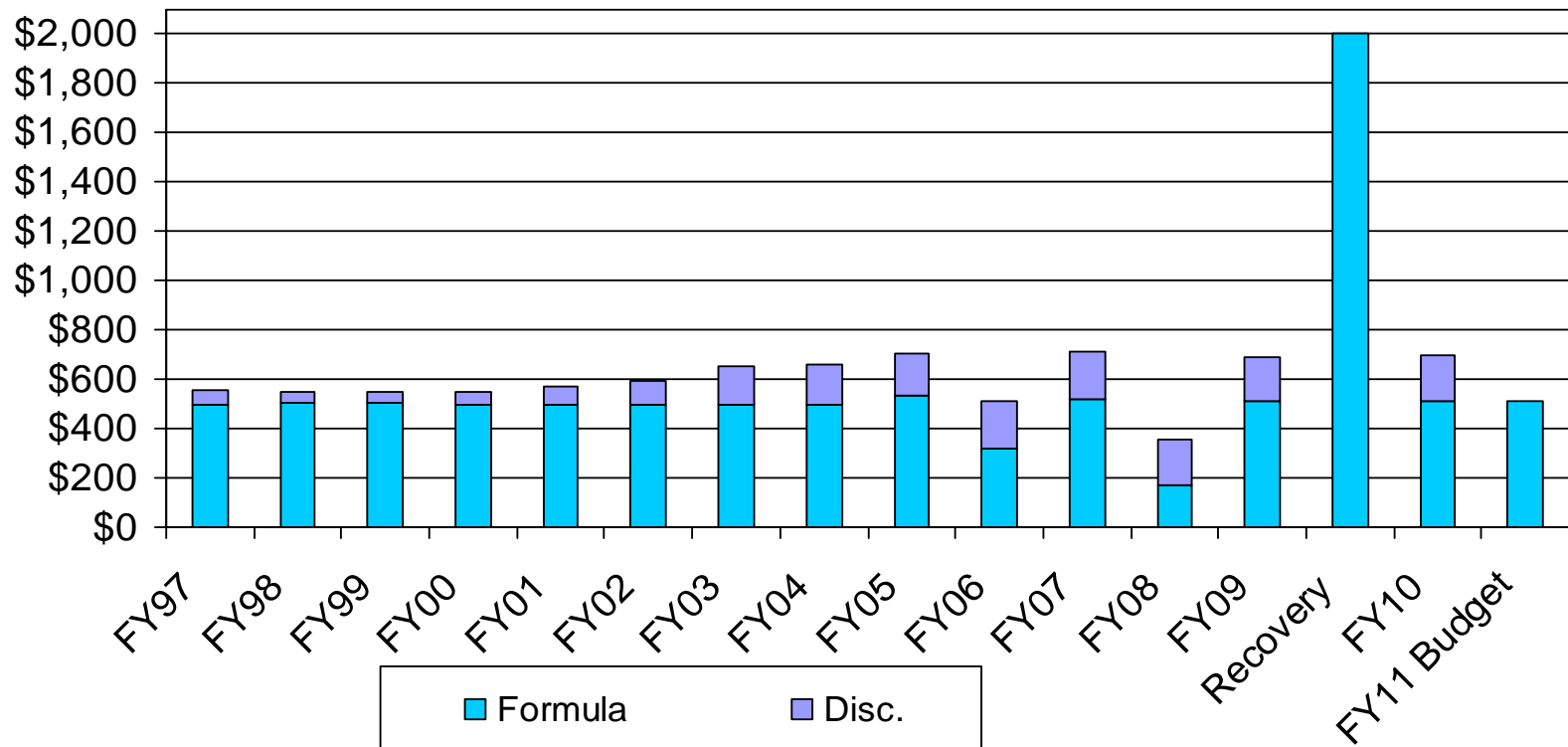
- Within economic climate, on solid footing again for justice grant programs
- Recovery Act provided jolt to key programs, after Byrne JAG cut but...
- Discretionary funding tighter than ever
- Second Chance Act competes for funding with established programs

Trends in Justice Funding



Trends in Byrne JAG Funding

- Byrne JAG formula level again



Trends in Justice Funding, cont

- Second Chance Act funding strong
- COPS hiring restarted - strong brand
- JJ funding in holding pattern
- SCAAP top priority for some states
- VAWA up slightly
- Growing interest in specialty courts; Obama proposes combined program

FY11 Budget Proposal

FY11 Budget Key Points

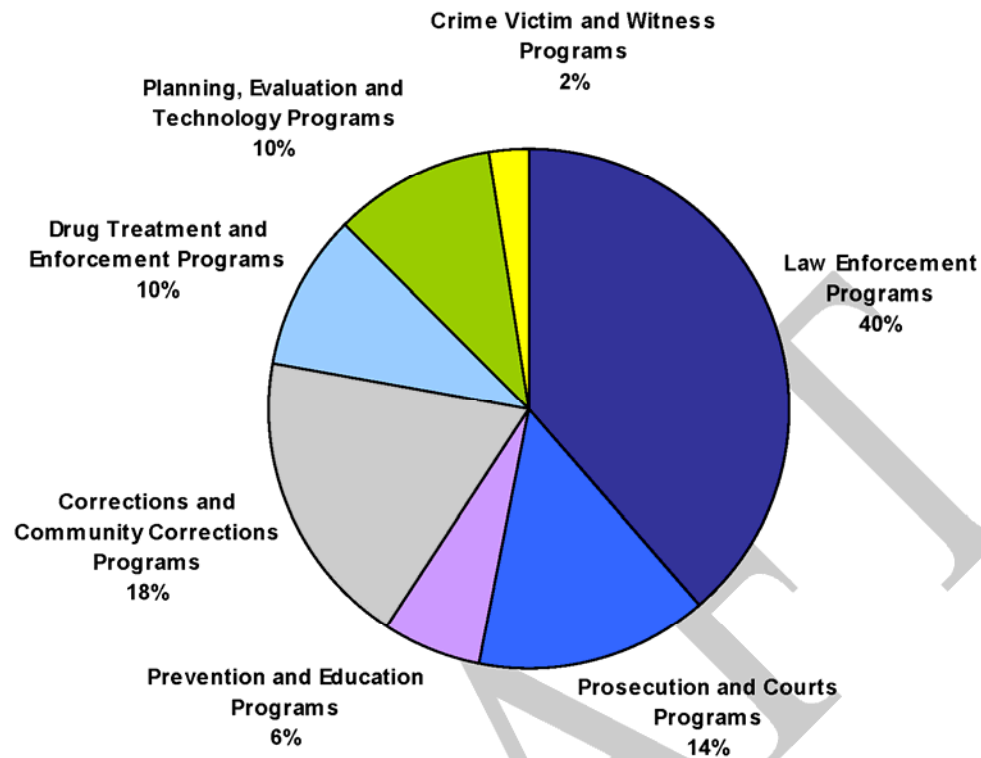
- Level or increased funding for most justice grant programs, including SCA
- Big increase in COPS/hiring
- Level funding for SCAAP
- Focus on evidence-based practices
- Increases T/TA and NIJ
- Proposes numerous new grant programs

Byrne JAG Data Collection Results

NCJA Data Collection

- NCJA asked SAAs for three things:
 1. Byrne JAG by purpose area
 2. Spending within purpose area
 3. 2-3 examples of innovative projects

Spending by Purpose Area, cont



Spending Within Purpose Area

Project Type	FY09 - Total
Community corrections/alternatives to incarceration	\$42,506,265
Corrections - general	\$43,793,433
Courts improvement	\$16,172,005
Courts - specialty/problem-solving	\$57,580,326
Crime Prevention	\$22,092,300
Criminal records	\$15,621,414
Cyber Crime	\$12,479,578
Drug and substance abuse - prevention	\$8,825,330
Drug and substance abuse - treatment	\$86,243,093

Examples of Innovative Programs Funded by Byrne JAG

State	Program Title	Program Bullet Point	Program Description	Project Type
Alabama				
	Drug task force units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alabama supports 30 drug task force units with its Byrne JAG grant. 	Alabama supports 30 drug task force units throughout the state with its Byrne JAG grant. The goals of these task ...	Law enforcement - drug or gang task forces
Montana				
	Develop a statewide central information repository to analyze jail and prison overcrowding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Montana will develop a statewide central information repository using Byrne JAG funds to analyze the problem of jail and prison overcrowding. 	Montana will develop a statewide central information repository using Byrne JAG funds to analyze the problem of overcrowding in jails, ...	Jails Corrections - general Information sharing - general
Minnesota				
	Utilize best practices in the prisoner reentry field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Winona County, Minnesota Sheriff's Dept uses Byrne JAG funds to support the CARE... 	The Winona County, Minnesota Sheriff's Department uses Byrne JAG funds to support the CARE Program, a jail re-entry program, which utilizes best practices...	Jails Reentry

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- Reducing prison population
 - Crack/powder sentencing reform
 - Pre-trial services support and funding
 - Drug, mental health and other specialty courts
- Alternatives to incarceration
 - Community corrections / specialty courts
- Reentry and reducing recidivism
 - Second Chance Act reauthorization
 - 40-hour work week bill

Key Legislation, con't

- Prevention
 - JJDPJA and JABG reauthorizations
 - Youth PROMISE Act
 - Expands prevention programs
 - Creates YOPS corps focused on kids and gangs
 - Creates local coordinating councils
 - Gangs bills
 - Increases federal penalties
 - HIDTA-like program for gangs

Key Legislation, con't

- Select enforcement issues
 - Hate crimes bill
 - COPS reauthorization bill
 - Child Internet exploitation
 - Adam Walsh amendments?
- Other
 - Sen. Webb's criminal justice commission
 - Justice Reinvestment bill

Final Thoughts

Make Your Voice Heard

- Educate members of Congress and their staffs
 - About Recovery Act funding
 - Introduce them to people who benefit by a program
 - Meet their district office staff
- EXPLAIN how programs impact families
- Expand local stakeholder coalitions
- THANK them for the Recovery Act funding
- Use the media to tell the good story

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