

Federal Funding for Community Corrections in an Age of Austerity

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Who is NCJA?

- Membership association of state, local and tribal CJ agencies
- Convener
- Advocate
- Educator
- Peer-to-peer services

Current Landscape in D.C.

- Freshmen members asserting control
- Cost savings and opposition to federal support for local policies
- Signs of continuing support for justice programs
- Left/right coalition is key
- So is opportunity of budget crisis

Trends in Justice Funding

- After downward slide, Recovery Act was jolt to key programs (Byrne JAG, COPS)
- Tough years ahead
- New Members in House controlling message
- Negotiations underway on final FY11 bill

Finishing the FY11 Funding Bills

- Path to final FY11 funding bill unclear
- New CR this week – thru April 8
- Negotiations on “long-term” CR
- Justice programs cut, not killed

FY11: Where have we been?

- WH budget: mostly level funding
- Original Senate bill: mostly level
- House-passed FY11 cut \$60B:
 - 40% from grant programs
 - Eliminated COPS Hiring
 - Earmarks gone
 - Restored COPS on floor – with 70 R votes

FY11: Where are we now?

- Stop-gap bills have cut several billion
- Senate proposal cuts \$6B:
- Both failed on Senate floor
- Negotiations underway among leadership, WH, centrist Senators

FY11: Where are we going?

- No untapped sources for offsets
- Competition among programs:
 - Byrne JAG - COPS - SCAAP - others
 - Second Chance – too new?
 - VAWA – untouchable?
 - OJJDP – support weak?
 - NASA – no further cuts

FY11: Protecting key programs

- **Second Chance**
 - Tests new approaches
 - Measures outcomes
 - Bipartisan support
- **Byrne JAG**
 - Primary and steady funding
 - Evidence-based best practices
 - Statewide coordination

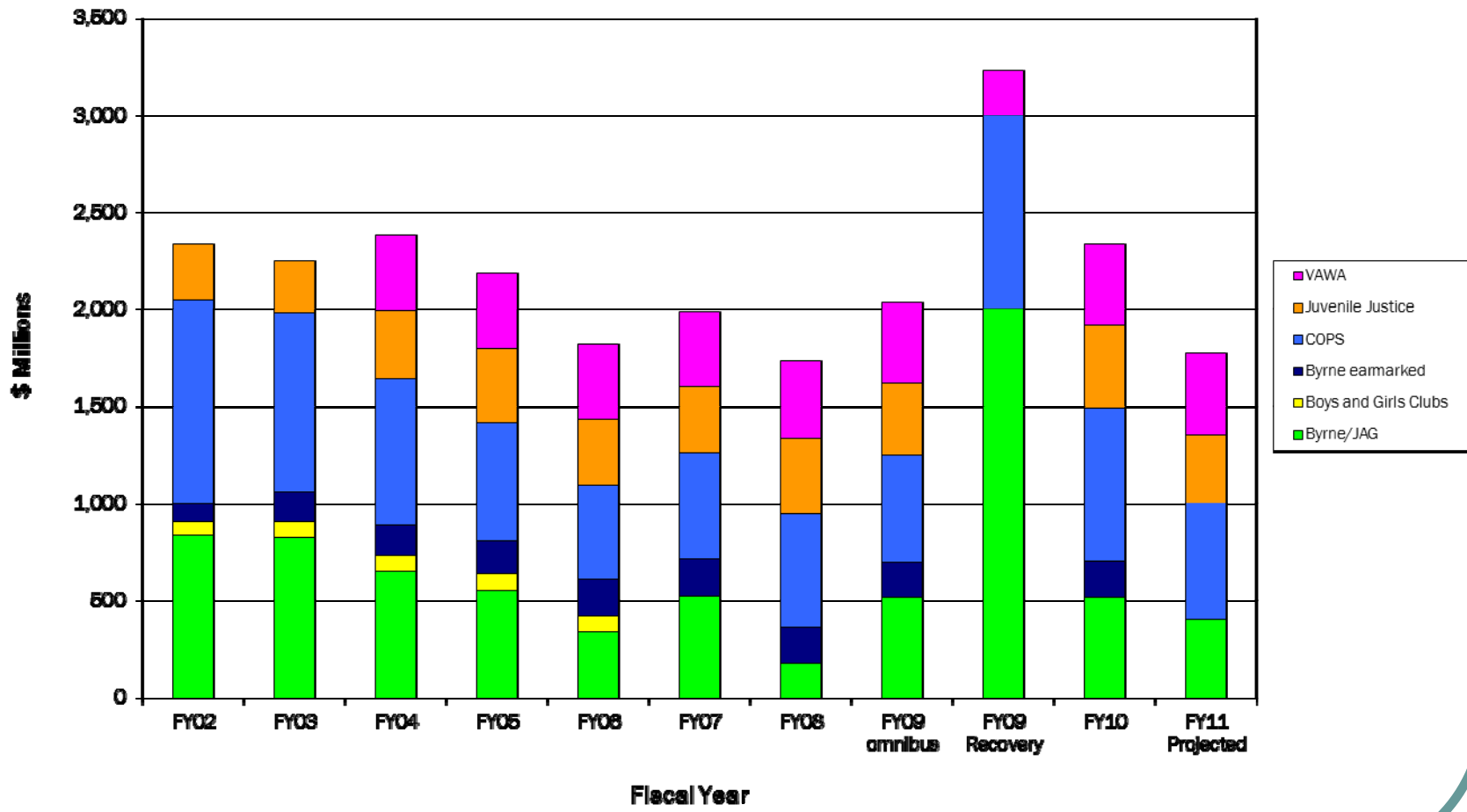
Byrne JAG Funding

Fiscal Year	Funding
FY07	\$520 million
FY08	\$170 million
FY09	\$510 million
FY09 ARRA	\$2,000 million
FY10	\$510 million
FY11 Budget	\$512 million
FY11 House-passed	≈40% cut
FY11 Senate proposal	≈10% cut
FY12 Budget	\$487 million

Second Chance Funding

Fiscal Year	Funding
FY07	\$5 million
FY08	\$12 million
FY09	\$25 million
FY10	\$100 million
FY11 Budget	\$510 million
FY11 House-passed	≈40% cut
FY11 Senate proposal	≈10% cut
FY12 Budget	\$100 million

Trends in Justice Funding · FY02-FY10



FY12: What's coming next?

- President's budget roughly level funding with FY10
- Considered too optimistic
- Congress beginning hearings
- Bills written in summer 2011
- Fiscal year ends September 30, 2011
- Bills completed ?????

Make Your Voices Heard!!

- Stakeholders make voices heard:
 - Explain community corrections within CJ system
 - Role of federal grants/policy
 - Data where available
- Byrne JAG allows innovative
- Second Chance grants measure outcomes

What Can I Do?

- EXPLAIN community corrections to Congress
- Ask your delegations to:
 - Minimize cuts to key programs
 - Continue bipartisan reform agenda
- Stay in touch: phone, e-mail, district offices
- Show how programs impact community
- Build coalitions with other stakeholders
- Use the media to tell the good story

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