# RELIEF FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

## Overview

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Byrne-Justice Assistance Grants**

The CARES Act includes \$850 million for the Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne-JAG). Byrne-JAG is the most flexible federal law enforcement grant program and will allow state and local police departments and jails to meet local needs, including the purchase of personal protective equipment and other needed medical items, and to support overtime for officers on the front lines.

## Allocation to Hawaii

Hawaii will receive \$5,532,947. These funds will go directly to state and local governments, with no match required. Of the \$5,532,947 for Hawaii, the funding will be divided as follows:

- \$3,642,919 for the State of Hawaii
- \$87,170 for the County of Kauai
- \$260,083 for the County of Maui
- \$246,300 for the County of Hawaii
- \$1,296,475 for the City and County of Honolulu

The application for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Program for fiscal year 2020 is due on May 30, 2020. The funding solicitation can be found here: <a href="https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553">https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553</a>.

## **Use of Funds**

These funds may be used to support criminal justice needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.