

How Will JAG Funding Reductions Affect Your Agency's Ability to Provide Services to the Residents of Franklin County?

Franklin County Sheriff's Office –Sheriff Jim Karnes *“Capitol Hill is spinning its wheels wasting time and money on Roger Clemens and neglecting the safety of our children by not providing monies for proven prevention programs.”*

CHOICES -Gail Heller, Director

“CHOICES would not be able to help almost 200 victims and survivors of intimate partner violence obtain housing or counseling, develop safety plans or learn ways to engage in healthy relationships. Without alternatives, some of these individuals will die from the violence.”

Mental Health Court -Andrea Boxill, Coordinator

“Over a period of four years, our funding has been cut from \$73,584 to \$24,144. An additional 67% cut will result in a substantial cut in service provision. The greater reality of this cut is that human lives will be affected negatively and those affects will ripple across the community like dominoes falling.”

SARNCO -Heather Herron Murphy, Manager *“Our program will be unable to offer long term advocacy services to survivors of sexual violence. This essential program provides vital services and is an integral component in the recovery process for countless survivors. Additionally, SARNCO will be unable to coordinate the Central Ohio Sexual Assault Task Force, the only cohesive forum for advocates, service providers, prevention educators, law enforcement and criminal justice officials.”*

DID YOU KNOW?

Byrne and JAG funding supported the operation of the following number of programs in Franklin County:

FY 2005	17
FY 2006	14
FY 2007	13

ANTICIPATED TO BE FUNDED in FY 08

2 PROGRAMS

**Columbus Division of Police
Deputy Chief John Rockwell**

“The serious cuts in JAG funding will have a profound impact on law enforcement. The reductions will have a direct impact on the officer on the street as far as not being able to fund critical communications and reporting technology. Just as importantly, agencies that support law enforcement will lose that ability as key personnel and equipment are eliminated. From a safety perspective, this is unconscionable.”

Education Council –Heidi Yoakum, Coordinator *“If JAG funds are cut, our program will be damaged. We will be forced to cancel nearly half of our offerings and deny at-risk youth the intervention they desperately need. Students, their families and their communities will suffer.”*

The Mentoring Center -Marilyn Pritchett

“The Mentoring Center would likely need to reduce our staff person's available time to about 20% or about one day/week (down from 35% of time and two days/week) and likely reduce by half the number of mentors we recruit and train (i.e. to about 170 rather than 350).”

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Chief Steve Martin**

“Specialized law enforcement programs focused on true community policing will be non-existent. STOP Underage Access to Alcohol, Street Smart and the Interdiction Concentrated Enforcement (ICE) programs will all be eliminated.”

HISTORY OF BYRNE/LLEBG/JAG FUNDING TO FRANKLIN COUNTY

Byrne/LLEBG	FY 2003	\$2,166,109
Byrne/LLEBG	FY 2004	\$1,880,353
JAG	FY 2005	\$1,082,762
JAG	FY 2006	\$633,460
JAG	FY 2007	\$962,282

**ANTICIPATED JAG AWARD FOR FY 08
\$317,553**