



Request for Reallocation of Byrne JAG Grant Funds

If it is determined that a jurisdiction did not substantially implement SORNA by July 27, 2020, a penalty in the form of a reduction of 10 percent of the jurisdiction's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding will be imposed when the fiscal year 2021 awards are made. For any such funds withheld, SORNA provides for the reallocation of such funds back to the jurisdiction:

REALLOCATION. Amounts not allocated under a program referred to in this section to a jurisdiction for failure to substantially implement this title shall be reallocated under that program to jurisdictions that have not failed to substantially implement this title or may be reallocated to a jurisdiction from which they were withheld to be used solely for the purpose of implementing this title. See 34 U.S.C. § 20927(c).

Any jurisdiction that has been penalized and wishes to request to have its funds reallocated back to the state for use solely in implementing SORNA, that jurisdiction must submit a written request to the SMART Office. Requests must include a detailed plan to address the areas in which a jurisdiction's registration and community notification systems do not meet the minimum standards of SORNA (as detailed in the most recent SORNA substantial implementation review for the jurisdiction) and a timeline for substantial implementation of SORNA. The final decision on such requests will be made by the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

All reallocation requests must address the following questions/issues, and include any requested or necessary documents.

- 1. Substantial Implementation Review from the SMART Office, which details where your jurisdiction deviates from, or does not meet, SORNA's requirements.** Please indicate the sections of the review where your jurisdiction deviates from, or does not meet, SORNA's requirements that this request targets.
- 2. Plan to Utilize Reallocated Funds.** Describe in detail how your jurisdiction intends to use any reallocated funds to address the identified deviations and/or areas in which your jurisdiction does not meet SORNA requirements and a timeline for substantially implementing SORNA. Additionally, if your jurisdiction does not do so, provide a plan to equip your jurisdiction's public registry website with mapping and geocoding services that allow for sharing of geographic coordinates with the National Sex Offender Public Website.
- 3. Previously Reallocated Funds.** If your jurisdiction has previously received reallocated funds for SORNA implementation purposes, briefly describe how those funds were used. Describe how additional reallocation funds will be used to complement previously received reallocation funds.

Requests may be submitted by email at AskSMART@usdoj.gov, by fax at 202-616-2906, or by mail to the Director, SMART Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington, DC 20531.