

JABG Program Descriptions for 2013/14

Alameda County Sheriff's Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department - Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB), Mental Health Unit to continue providing counseling and referral services to high-risk youth and their parents, training to patrol officers, and implementation of appropriate sanctions and accountability programs. The YFSB will also work with unincorporated county school districts to reduce truancy and increase school safety, and will continue to work with the local law enforcement community and private and public agencies such as Probation, Health Care Services, Behavioral Health Care Services, Social Services, Eden Township Youth Court, and the Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League to address challenges faced by unincorporated county youth.

Contra Costa County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support the East County Juvenile Drug Court to provide intensive outpatient drug/alcohol treatment to youth in the east county area with immediate judicial oversight. Youthful offenders referred to the Probation Department with drug/alcohol arrests are referred to the program for assessment. Those who choose to participate are sentenced as wards of the court for treatment and potential sanctions. Treatment is a highly structured two days per week and includes individual, group, and family counseling. Clients have access to other treatment as needed. The treatment team includes the Juvenile Court Commissioner, Deputy Probation Officer, a Deputy District Attorney, a Deputy Public Defender, a treatment provider, and a Program Facilitator. The JABG grant will continue to partially fund the Deputy Probation Officer position and the supervisor assigned to the East County Juvenile Drug Court.

Fresno County Probation

The Fresno County Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) project aims to reduce substance abuse and recidivism among nonviolent juvenile offenders by providing constructive and intensive court supervision, extensive substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, and family therapy to maximize the juvenile's opportunities for success. The JDC is designed to combine the persuasive powers of the court with a therapeutic regimen of treatment. The JDC has a maximum capacity participation level of 50 juveniles that attend a twelve month program.

Kern County Probation

The Probation Graffiti Caseload will target approximately 85 wards that are on probation status for at least one or more graffiti-related offenses. The program will be localized in the metropolitan Bakersfield area, and supervised by a deputy probation officer working with group counselors in the Probation Department's Work Program, and the Gang Intervention and Suppression Team (GIST), as well as local law enforcement officers. Youth participating in the project will receive an initial assessment (PACT Risk/Needs Assessment) which will help determine a case plan for the supervision services to be provided the staff.

Los Angeles City Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety

This project, administered by the Los Angeles City Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, incorporates a comprehensive approach aimed at reducing gang-related crime and violence through the application of best-practices in prevention, intervention and suppression programs. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding supports the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program which is the suppression arm of this comprehensive approach. CLEAR has had a verifiable impact on gang activity and on the capacity to maintain that impact. Statistically significant decreases in gang crime have occurred in the nine CLEAR target areas.

Los Angeles County District Attorney

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant helps fund the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN). JOIN will provide a community-based diversion program founded on principles of Accountability and Restorative Justice for 472 serious, nonviolent youthful offenders. To be eligible, minors must be first-time offenders between the ages of 10 and 17 with a juvenile petition file pending in the District Attorney's Office. Eligible crimes are limited to non-violent misdemeanors and felonies with a loss of \$1000 or less. The JOIN program serves five Juvenile Courts, and/or District Attorney Juvenile Office locations in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Public Defender

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) Project. The CARE Project integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, special education, and psycho-social needs.

Monterey County Probation

Through the Victim Restitution and Support Program, Monterey County Probation Department will be able to provide greater attention to issues of restitution, victim involvement, victim support and holding juvenile offenders accountable for the harm caused to victims. This program will continue to develop general informational services for victims regarding justice proceedings, encourage victim involvement in programs and in the judicial process, and devote resources toward the tracking and recovery of a higher proportion of victim restitution fines. The initial focus of the program is to ensure that if an offender's crime results in a victim, that victim is identified and contact is made throughout the justice process. The desired end result is for the victim to be reimbursed economically, and for the offender to be held accountable for that reimbursement. Juvenile Accountability Grant Block funds will be used to offset a portion of a Probation Aide salary.

City of Oakland

Juvenile Accountability Block grant funds will support training for twenty-five School Resource Officers in Restorative Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact., Funding will also be used to support truancy intervention, mentoring programs and outreach activities to develop and strengthen programs and relationships between youth and police and promote positive outcomes for high-risk youth in middle schools.

Orange County District Attorney

The Orange County Juvenile Offender Accountability Program enables prosecutors to address youth sexual offenses more effectively. The program utilizes the vertical prosecution model, whereby a single prosecutor follows the case from the point of charging, through witness preparation, trial and disposition. The program provides for one experienced Deputy District Attorney (DDA) to focus solely on juvenile sex offender cases. The program is collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department and the Health Care Agency.

Riverside County Sheriff

Project funds are utilized to support a multi-agency gang task force designed to gather and share information on juvenile gang members. In its twelfth year of operation, the Coachella Valley Violent Gang Task Force (CVVGTF) includes both state and local law enforcement agencies. The primary purpose of the CVVGTF is to identify, track, and monitor violent juvenile gang members that evade law enforcement through movement between communities and jurisdictions. The grant will include funding to dedicate a Deputy Sheriff who will focus on intervention and rehabilitation strategies and opportunities for at risk juveniles, conduct gang interventions with juveniles and their parents, network with community leaders and conduct compliance checks on juvenile probationers. The task force will provide services to at least 300-500 juvenile offenders throughout the grant period.

City of Roseville

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to support an early intervention program for Roseville youth who have been arrested, cited, or referred for pre-delinquent behavior. The program includes prompt after-arrest counseling and referrals for parents, ongoing counseling and support at school sites, and the Parent Project/Parent Project Teen, a proven skill building program for parents and their defiant out-of-control adolescent children.

Sacramento City Police

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds will be used to support the Men's Leadership Academy of the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Hope Alliance of the Natomas Unified School District. Both of these programs employ strategies to develop and strengthen services, programs, and policies to promote positive outcomes for youth. The goal of these programs is to improve school attendance, increase school engagement and reduce negative behaviors by addressing the root causes of truancy. JABG funding will be used to supplement the extracurricular activities. Sacramento Police Department Officers contribute at least 40 hours of time to the program in a mentorship and teaching capacity.

Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be utilized to enhance the Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) Program. The JDC continues to contract with an independent evaluator to assist in evaluating program goals, objectives and outcomes. The JDC is an intensive program emphasizing juvenile offender rehabilitation and recovery from substance abuse for non-wards. This program works proactively to guide youth and to hold them accountable for recovering from their substance use before they become more entrenched in the criminal justice system and/or their addictions.

Sacramento County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds will be used to automate juvenile record-keeping and processes related to case plans at the Youth Detention Facility (YDF). This project system will expand the capability of the floor plan application at YDF to track prescribed treatment programs and activities for offenders. Automation of YDF Offender Activity Tracking will provide increased granularity of detail that can be used to better evaluate program effectiveness. This is an information technology system enhancement designed to improve efficiency, accuracy and availability of information.

San Bernardino County Law and Justice Group

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds will be used to help the San Bernardino County Law and Justice Group fund the Public Defender's Early Intervention Program (EIP). This program will pay for one part-time and one full-time employee with expertise in social services to provide services to juvenile offenders at the Public Defender's Juvenile Office. The social service workers will deliver a myriad of services to juvenile clients and their families that will result in a holistic approach to rehabilitation. Activities will include assessment of client and family needs, referral to treatment or other resources, as well as court liaison and support services. The social service workers assigned will provide services and support to clients within the San Bernardino City and Victorville areas.

San Diego County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to support the Transitions Program, a re-entry component of Camp Barrett. This is a three-phased program that includes: needs/risk assessment, re-entry preparation and discharge planning, and intensive community supervision and community reintegration. These three phases along with aftercare components will be staffed by a Senior Probation Officer and a Deputy Probation Officer each of whom will serve a caseload of 40 youth. JABG funding will also support a part-time Probation Aide who will work with the probation officers.

San Francisco Office of the Public Defender

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to support the Public Defender Placement Assistance Program. The project addresses the backlog of public defender cases while working to identify community-based alternatives and out-of-home placements for youth who would otherwise remain in custody unnecessarily. Public Defender will represent clients in juvenile court matters, obtain appropriate assessments of clients including educational and mental health assessments, and identify and build partnerships with community-based alternatives to detention and other supportive community-based services.

San Joaquin County Probation

This project partially funds a probation officer who will provide supervision services to approximately 50 youth in the southern and central Stockton areas using a community-policing model designed to make probation officers easily accessible to the clients they serve. The officer will provide delinquency prevention, crises intervention and probation supervision services. The probation officer will perform a validated risk assessment on each youth in the program and make referrals to programs that address the identified criminogenic needs.

San Mateo County Probation

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds will be used to support the Victim Impact Awareness (VIA) Program. The purpose of this program is to educate youth who have victimized others about the impact their behavior has on others. This class, usually taught in 75 minute sessions over a 7 week period, is facilitated by staff from the probation department and from a non-profit counseling agency. Participants are required to complete a behavioral contract, which includes what they will do to keep from victimizing others.

Santa Barbara

The project has two components: 1) Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) is approximately 9 months in length followed by up to 6 months of aftercare. The target population serves minors 14 years of age and older, non-violent and with a history of moderate to severe substance abuse. The JDC also provides short term alcohol and drug counseling to youth temporarily detained in juvenile hall. 2) Teen Court serves first time offenders with lower level offenses who range in age from 10 to 17 years. The Teen Court does not decide guilt or innocence, only the consequences for an admitted offense. A teen offender can participate in Teen Court if she/he admits to the crime and signs a contract agreeing to comply with the sentence handed down by the court. This program gives young people an opportunity to avoid a juvenile record by completing the program successfully.

Santa Clara County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds will support two components of the Substance Abuse Program. The first component involves treatment services provided by Pathway Society, Inc. (Pathway) and Asian American Recovery Services. These agencies will screen all youth committed to the Rehabilitation Facility for substance abuse issues and provide prevention education classes. Youth that are assessed as possessing substance abuse issues are then assigned a clinician and an individualized treatment plan is created. To ensure evidence-based practices in the treatment of youth, Pathway will utilize the Seven Challenges model for this project. The second component of the Substance Abuse Program that is supported with JABG funding is the Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC) Mentoring Program which provides personalized support to youth and helps facilitate successful participation in the JTC Program. Additionally, the project recruits, trains, and supports mentors for participants in JTC. The role of the mentor is to act as a role model and provide consistent support to facilitate the youth's recovery.

Solano County Probation

The project will provide accountability of juvenile offenders by offering intermediate sanctions as an alternative to incarceration, as well as serving as a resource for monitoring high risk offenders in the community. Services will be implemented through an electronic monitoring program serving an average of 13 to 18 Court ordered juvenile offenders daily and 144 minors over the course of the grant period. This program has been expanded to use of cellular units to incorporate the participation of any youth who does not have an existing telephone line. This allows Solano County Probation to expand its efforts in addressing the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). Minors and their parents/legal guardians will be required to agree to and sign contracts identifying specific terms and conditions related but not limited to school attendance, no contact orders, curfews, restriction of activities and free time, refraining from use of alcohol/drugs, drug testing, counseling and obeying all laws and orders of the Court. The assigned officer will follow up with the minors placed on the program by providing case management services (minimum once per week contact) and returning the minor to secure custody for serious program violations.

Sonoma County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support training for probation officers in the areas of Targeted Skills Training, Interactive Journaling, Boy's Council Defense Tactics. These trainings are developed to move toward an evidenced-based community corrections model which involves providing supervision and programming based on risk levels and identified criminogenic risk factors. Additionally, JABG funds will support training and certification in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) model for Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC).

Stanislaus County Probation

Stanislaus County Probation Department will utilize Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to support evidence-based practices to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The project has four components; A Community Service Program which contracts with United Way to provide a community service option in a graduated sanction model; an In-Custody Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Program which will contract with a community based organization to provide an evidenced-based AOD youth treatment program for detained juvenile offenders; an Out-of-Custody Alcohol and Other Drugs Program which will contract with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to provide an evidenced-based AOD youth treatment program for juvenile offenders and a Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) Program for juvenile offenders.

Tulare County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) dollars will be used to fund the Probation Community Supervision and Support Program which is designed on a community-based police/probation model. JABG funds will be used to offset a portion of a Deputy Probation Officer's salary for the purpose of providing supervision services to a caseload of 15 high-risk juvenile probationers.

Ventura County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds will be used to support the Ventura County Probation Department to fund two projects: 1) The Juvenile Drug Court is the collaborative effort of the Ventura Superior Court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Probation Agency and the Behavioral Health Department's Alcohol and Drug Program. The program generally lasts for 12-18 months and includes three phases, with different goals and requirements that are tailored to each juvenile's specific substance abuse problem and stage of recovery. The juveniles selected to participate in this program are nonviolent offenders who show motivation for dealing with their substance abuse problem; and 2) The Truancy Intervention Program established by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, identifies chronically truant students and requires them to participate in School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meetings designed to determine the cause(s) of their truancy and create a plan to remedy the problems. The Truancy Intervention Program assigns a Deputy District Attorney to individual Student Attendance Review Boards across the county. The Deputy District Attorney participates in follow-up meetings and monitors juveniles on contract, and conducts training sessions for school officials, law enforcement and community-based organizations on legal and operational issues.