

JABG Direct Allocation Program Descriptions for 2015/16

Alameda County Sheriff's Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used by Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Youth Services Bureau (YFSB) to continue providing services such as: counseling to at-risk and criminally involved youth and their families, case management, and taking accountability measures to address youth crime prevention and intervention. Additionally, YFSB will partner with unincorporated County school districts to reduce school truancy and misconduct, as well as work with other private and government entities such as Alameda County Probation, health care Services Agency, Behavioral Health Care Services, Child Protective Services, Youth Courts and Deputy Sheriff's Activities League to address challenges faced by unincorporated County youth. It will focus on reducing juvenile crime, violence, and gang involvement and protect residents from illegal and anti-social youth behavior. New youth-oriented projects will provide behavioral health care at REACH Ashland Youth Center as well as launch restorative justice and case-management informed "alternatives to suspension" initiative with San Lorenzo Unified School District. YFSB will also continue reaching out to School Resource Officers to inform about YFSB services and responding to youth crisis and crime, attending community meetings to inform others about YFSB services and to motivate residents and organizations to work together to improve public safety, serving on unincorporated School Attendance and Review Boards (SARBs), and coordinating restorative justice activities such as victim/offender mediation, restitution, apologies, and community service.

Contra Costa County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support the East County Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) 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 assigned to the East County Juvenile Drug Court.

Fresno County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will be used by the Fresno County Juvenile Drug Court to provide therapeutically focused drug court program to non-violent minors, who were involved in drug-related crimes and were cited or arrested. Primary program objectives of the JDC are to reduce substance abuse, decrease recidivism, and improve individual life skills. Juvenile Drug Court facilitates individualized treatment of youth with substance abuse problems, provides substance abuse specialized staff for youth entering JDC.

Kern County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will be used by Kern County Probation Department, who will work with Juvenile Corrections Officers in the Probation Department's Work Program, Court and Community Schools, Investigations Deputy Probation Officers during the judicial process, the Gang Intervention and Suppression Team, as well as local law enforcement agencies to fund Probation Graffiti Intervention Caseload to target youth who are on probation status for graffiti-related offenses. The two phased, one year long program will help focus the officer's supervision techniques, sanctions and subsequent activities surrounding the complex issues associated with graffiti by assessing the offenders and identifying their risk level for reoffending. The program will facilitate ramification of behavior, community service, and peer counseling for offenders. Additionally the Probation Department will partner with Kern County Sheriff's Department, Bakersfield Police Department and Kern County General Services to conduct monthly collaborative meetings as well as help and develop educational presentations.

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

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) program, which will operate in 12 designated Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) zones to support Los Angeles Mayor's release of the Gang Reduction Strategy. 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 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. CLEAR has also created a Community Impact Team (CIT), which is comprised of community residents. CIT mainly focuses on quality of life issues such as graffiti, litter, and juvenile loitering. CIT also facilitates a linkage between CLEAR's suppression efforts and other gang prevention and intervention program. Statistically significant decreases in gang crime have occurred in the nine CLEAR target areas; community members have been meaningfully engaged in the process of community recovery; and government agencies, both within and outside the criminal justice system, have created breakthrough ways to collaborate among themselves and with these communities.

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 258 serious, nonviolent youthful offenders. To be eligible, minors must be first-time offenders between the ages of 10 and 17 with a fileable juvenile petition 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. The juvenile justice population to be served by the CARE project is children in the delinquency courts of Los Angeles County and represented by the Public Defender who appear to have mental health, developmental disabilities, serious learning disabilities, co-occurring disorders, and substance abuse issues.

Monterey County Probation

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund the Victim Restitution and Support Program, facilitated by Monterey County Probation Department and administered by the Juvenile Division Victim Restitution Unit. The program 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

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support the City of Oakland Police Department (OPD) Youth Open House Program. The Youth Open House program is an in-house program developed by OPD's Mentor Officers. Mentor Officers will partner with high schools in Oakland to bring students to OPD's Police Administration Building (OPD headquarters) to help foster positive relationships. Each Youth Open House will bring 40-60 youth from one of the 16 high schools that participates in the program. At the Youth Open Houses, Officers will facilitate discussions regarding police/community interaction, teen violence, use of force, racial profiling, officer involved shootings, as well as other topic initiated by students. At the end of each event, students complete surveys that are used to further enhance the program. The main goals of the project are to educate youth and foster positive relationships in effort to reduce incidents of youth violence and crime.

Orange County District Attorney

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will be used to fund the program, operated by one Deputy District Attorney (DDA), which will enhance public safety and raise the level of accountability of juvenile sex offenders in Orange County. The program will enable prosecutors to address youth sexual offenses more effectively, utilizing the vertical prosecution model, whereby a single prosecutor follows the case from the point of charting, through witness preparation, trial and disposition. Target outcome is to reduce the

number of individuals to whom the victim must provide statements, maintain consistency and continuity of case processing, and promoting prosecutor familiarity with the victim and facts of each case. The program is collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department and the Health Care Agency, which will provide mental health canceling.

Riverside County Sheriff

Project funds will be utilized to continue supporting the Coachella Valley Violent Crime Gang Task Force (CVVCGTF) in its thirteenth year of operation of identifying, tracking and monitoring violent gang members as they attempt to evade detection from law enforcement by moving between jurisdictions and community boundaries. Being a part of Riverside County Community Enforcement Plan for 2015-2016 and represented by California Highway Patrol, the task force will consist of multiple agencies, which include Coachella, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Cathedral City. The main objectives of the program will be gathering, recording and sharing gang data through Cal Gangs and other data based software; establish and maintain information sharing protocol with member agencies and others; conduct drug testing and searches of juvenile gang members on probation; participate at community events for surveillance and protection of citizens; and track juveniles that have been found guilty of gang memberships, and to conduct compliance checks with their juvenile probation terms.

Sacramento County Probation Department

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund Coordinated Enforcement Plan (CEP) which was approved by Sacramento County's Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC). Two projects will be in progress under this plan: Relias Learning Web-based Training and Wind Youth Services.

Relias training will involve procurement of access licenses to web-based training for up to 400 Juvenile Operations staff, including approximately 200 staff at Youth Detention Facility (YDC), and will enable staff to receive officer-required training as well as automated compliance reports. Officers will have an opportunity to conduct training during work hours without additional costs of travel off site.

Wind Youth Services program will also continue to provide services to low-risk eligible youth who have no one willing or able to accept their care and custody. The funds will be used to guarantee for Probation-related youth the equivalent of one bed for 365 nights at Wind's overnight shelters. The Wind Youth Services program will also provide food, counseling and other services.

Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health/Alcohol and Drug Services

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund a project to evaluate the Juvenile Drug Court Program at Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health/Alcohol and Drug Services. The project will involve contracting with a provider to conduct a research on two parts of existing Juvenile Court Program: servitude of wards of the court and non-wards. The purpose of this evaluation is to design a new stand-alone program which will separate the non-wards and wards of the court and improve programming itself as well as the process. This project will be staffed with a Project Director/Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Court Liaison, Recovery Service Specialists, Treatment provider and Defense Attorney.

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 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 area.

San Diego County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to support the Transitions Program, a re-entry component of Camp Barrett for wards who are male between ages of 17-19. 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 Program, where one Deputy Public Defender will represent all Public Defender clients who have been committed to out of home placement or Log Cabin ranch School County Camp. The project addresses indigent defense of youth in the delinquency system and 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 comprehensive supervision services to approximately 30 moderate to high-risk 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, probation supervision services, and holding youth accountable by monitoring their performance in school by working hand in hand with Stockton Unified School District and the San Joaquin County Office of Education. 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, which will service any youth in San Mateo County over the age of 11 with a police referral, not including sex offenders. The program will consist of two Probation staff and two therapists. The purpose of this program is to educate youth who have victimized others and 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. Youth are also referred to the Juvenile Mediation Program to attempt to mediate with their victims.

Santa Barbara

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will continue to fund services provided by Juvenile Drug Court Program, as well as the services provided thru the Teen Court Peer Review Program. The two components of the project will consist of: 1) Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) is approximately 8 months in length followed by up to 3 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 he/she 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, which contracts with two community based organizations to provide treatment services. The first component involves treatment services provided by two community based agencies. 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, the treatment provider is required to 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.

Sonoma County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support year three training and certification in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) model for Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC) as well as the training that will support Probation's implementation of Triple P (Positive Parenting Program).

Stanislaus County Probation

Stanislaus County Probation Department will utilize Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds to support evidence-based practices to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The project consists of an In-Custody Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Program that will contract with a community based organization to provide an evidenced-based AOD youth treatment program for detained juvenile offenders thru Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). An Out-of-Custody Alcohol and Other Drugs Program will contract with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to provide an evidenced-based AOD youth treatment program for juvenile offenders thru MRT – Steps to Freedom as well as incentives for accomplishments and bus passes. Stanislaus County Probation Department will also utilize JABG funds to purchase materials and incentives necessary for the continuation of Cognitive Behavior Therapy Program, which is run by three Probation Department officers focusing on medium risk 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. The program's goal is to reduce recidivism by holding juvenile offenders accountable while addressing their individual treatment/intervention needs.

Ventura County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund the Juvenile Drug Court program, which is a collaborative effort of Ventura Superior Court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Probation Agency and the Behavioral Health Department. The program is designed for non-violent substance abuse juveniles and consists of three phases with different goals and requirements that are tailored to each juvenile's specific substance abuse problem and stage of recovery. The following services will be available to participants: substance abuse education, family education, outpatient substance abuse therapy, individual mental health counselling, Psycho-educational (anger management, stress management, etc.), and alumni/aftercare groups. Additionally there will be services to assist with family engagement and employment opportunities.