

Juvenile Facilities Improvement Construction Funding (Budget Act of 2022 - \$100 Million)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What is Juvenile Facilities Improvement Construction Funding ([AB 178](#)) for and how can we use these funds?

A: In September 2020, Senate Bill 823 was passed, and transferred the responsibility for treatment and supervision for all youth committed to the California Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to the counties. SB 823 also required the closure of DJJ by June 30, 2023. Assembly Bill 178 (Sec. 171, Item 5227-119-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2022) provided \$100 million in additional funding to assist in the development of appropriate rehabilitative environments for youth. Funding must be used to modernize facilities to include creating treatment, vocational, educational, recreational, visitation and family engagement space. Additionally, funding may be used to enhance security infrastructure that enhances the creation or expansion of these spaces.

Funds may be used for the renovation, enhancement, and improvements of county facilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections 850 (juvenile halls), 870 (joint juvenile halls), 875 (secure youth treatment facilities) and 880 (camps or ranches). While this funding was established with the intent to improve facilities for the placement of housing WIC 875 youth (DJJ Realigned Youth), the funding is not exclusively for the improvement of secure youth treatment facilities.

Q2: How was the amount of funding determined?

A: The amount of funding was set forth in the Budget Act (AB 178). The Department of Finance determined the amount each county received by weighing several factors: all individuals between 10 and 17 years of age within a county from the preceding calendar; average number of juvenile facilities operated by each county; and the county average daily population of youth in each juvenile detention facility the preceding year.

Q3: Are there any timelines for spending the funding?

A: There is no timeline established for using the funding. Probation Departments should consider the length of time required for construction projects or other facility enhancements and plan accordingly.

Q4: May these funds be used to add capacity to our facility?

A: No, the budget bill prohibits the increase of capacity. Any construction of new rated capacity should replace existing bed space.

Q5: Does the BSCC require any reporting associated with this funding?

A: No. All funds have already been distributed to all eligible counties and the BSCC is not requiring any additional reporting on expenditures. However, as with any work done on a local youth detention facility, if the amount of expenditure exceeds \$15,000, the BSCC must be notified to review any construction plans to provide recommendations. (Pen. Code, § 6029, subd. (a).) Please contact your Facilities Standards and Operations Field Representatives here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022-FSO-FR-Juvenile-Assignments-12.14.2022.pdf>.

Q6: May funding be used for projects in facilities that are funded by lease revenue bonds (i.e., SB 81 round 1 and round 2 funded projects)?

A: For any SB 81 round 1 and/or round 2 project, please contact the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the BSCC County Facilities Construction Field Representative to review the proposed work prior to commencing. The SB81 projects may require additional approvals from the State Public Works Board (SPWB) and CDCR will review and assist in moving the process forward. The CDCR contact is:

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