

**Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program
(YPFG)**

**Part B All County Distribution Application
Package Coversheet**

Submitted by:

Kern County Probation Department

Date Submitted:

April 29, 2021

Part B All County Distribution Application Checklist

A complete application package for funding under the Youth Programs and Facilities Grant (YPFG) Program must contain the following items:

Required Items:		✓
1	Cover Sheet (previous page) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert Applicant Name and Date of Submission 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	YPFG Proposal Checklist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by the authorized signatory with a digital signature OR a wet signature in blue ink. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Applicant Information Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by the authorized signatory with a digital signature OR a wet signature in blue ink. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Application Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pages or fewer 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Budget Attachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement (Appendix D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by the authorized signatory with a digital signature OR a wet signature in blue ink. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Optional:		
7	Governing Board Resolution (Appendix E) <i>Note: The Governing Board Resolution is due prior to contract execution but is not required at the time of proposal submission.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have reviewed this checklist and verified that all required items are included in this proposal packet.

X




Applicant Authorized Signature (see Applicant Information Form, Part L, next page)

Part B All County Distribution Applicant Information Form

A. APPLICANT < Name> County		B. TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			
NAME OF APPLICANT Kern		TAX IDENTIFICATION #: 95-6000925			
STREET ADDRESS 2005 Ridge Rd.	CITY Bakersfield	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93305		
MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE		
C. PROJECT TITLE:		APEX Academy			
D. PROJECT SUMMARY (100-150 words):					
<p>Kern County intends to utilize the facility currently described as Kern Crossroads to operate a program for realigned youth called "APEX Academy." This facility is a secure residential institution with an operational capacity of 120 beds, 40 of which will be designated for APEX Academy. The facility is able to house youth for any amount of commitment time they may serve up to age 25, understanding the current average length of stay for youth at DJJ is 28 months.</p> <p>Grant funding will be used to increase youth safety by adding existing railing in the upper tier of the youth housing area, increase physical exercise options by obtaining gym equipment for opportunities to improve physical wellbeing through large muscle group exercises, and acquire transportation vans for youth to be able to participate in off-site community-based activities.</p>					
E. GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED: (See Appendix F: County Juvenile Population Index)					
\$82,400					
F. DEFERRED SPENDING: Is the application for a deferred spending award?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
G. LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY:		Kern County Probation Department			
H. PROJECT DIRECTOR:					
NAME Matt Fontaine	TITLE Probation Division Director	TELEPHONE NUMBER (661)391-2202			
STREET ADDRESS 17824 Quality Rd.		FAX NUMBER (661)391-2201			
CITY Bakersfield	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93308	EMAIL ADDRESS Fontainem@kernprobation.org		
I. FINANCIAL OFFICER:					
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STREET ADDRESS 2005 Ridge Rd.		FAX NUMBER (661)868-7418			
CITY Bakersfield	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93305	EMAIL ADDRESS Rebeccavaughan@kernprobation.org		
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J. DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAM CONTACT:					
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STREET ADDRESS 17824 Quality Rd.		FAX NUMBER (661)391-2201			
CITY Bakersfield	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93308	EMAIL ADDRESS mattkunding@kernprobation.org		

K. DAY-TO-DAY FISCAL CONTACT:			
NAME	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Art Davis	Accountant	(661)868-4135	
STREET ADDRESS		FAX NUMBER	
2005 Ridge Rd.		(661)868-7148	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Bakersfield	CA	93305	Art_Davis@kernprobation.org

L. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE			
By signing this application, I hereby certify that I am vested by the Applicant with the authority to enter into contract with the BSCC, and that the grantee and any subcontractors will abide by the laws, policies and procedures governing this funding.			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
TR Merickel	Chief Probation Officer	(661)868-4102	merickelt@kernprobation.org
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2005 Ridge Rd.	Bakersfield	CA	93305
EMAIL ADDRESS merickelt@kernprobation.org			
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (Signed by the authorized signatory with a digital signature <u>OR</u> a wet signature in blue ink.)			DATE
X 			April 29, 2021

Authorized Signature: Must be a representative with the authority to sign documents and obligate the applicant

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

All documents submitted as a part of the Youth Programs and Facilities Grant (YPPFG) Program are public documents and may be subject to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act. The BSCC, as a state agency, may have to disclose these documents to the public. The BSCC cannot ensure the confidentiality of any information submitted in or with this proposal. (Gov. Code, §§ 6250 et seq.)

Section 1: Project Need

1.1 The project will encompass three specific areas as it relates to programs and services for the realigned population: 1) construction to our existing facility for increased safety and security, 2) equipment for enhanced programming, and 3) transportation vans to bolster educational and vocational opportunities with community-based programs.

The upper level of the facilities' housing pods contains a walkway with railing that is inadequate in height for maintaining safety and prevention of potential injury to youth, given the demographics of the newly realigned youth population. Construction to extend the existing railing on the upper level would eliminate this potential risk.

The current outdoor recreation area for youth includes a weightlifting area with limited equipment. The purchase of a cross training elliptical machine and a leg press machine will enhance programming outdoors and specifically mandated large muscle activity.

Transportation vans would allow youth to attend community-based programs. These programs include but are not limited to Westec and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). Westec is a school where youth will earn certificates in Forklift usage, Confined space, and requirements designed to translate to work in the oilfield, warehouse, or construction industry. DOR would be a component of the re-entry plan for youth with disabilities. DOR services help transition youth into industries and occupations that can train them for future employment. These services translate to real world opportunities.

The program is designed for males, all realigned population age groups (ages 14-25), and will encompass all prior criminal history and current WIC 707(b) adjudicated offenses.

1.2 Kern County intends to utilize the facility currently described as Kern Crossroads to house realigned youth. This facility is a secure residential institution with an operational capacity of 120 beds, 40 of which are designated for this program, and can house youth for any amount of commitment time they may be ordered to serve.

Section 2: Project Description

2.1 The Kern Crossroads Facility, which is categorized as a camp/ranch, is an existing youth facility. The realigned youth will be served within this facility. The realigned youth will be committed to our new Achievement, Perseverance, Excellence Academy (APEX).

APEX will be a self-contained housing pod, separated from the other youth on the campus based upon safety and security assessments. The existing facility is adequate for housing the current youth population, but with the addition of the APEX commitments, improvements in safety, programming equipment, and modes of youth transportation are required.

Housing pods are identical in structure which include two levels. The upstairs level requires higher railings for increased youth safety. Extending the railings vertically will prevent youth from self-inflicted or assaultive injuries. Currently security upgrades are being planned and prioritized. These added measures will help ensure safety and security while allowing for robust service delivery and increased time spent outside of rooms.

A transportation van will allow APEX youth off-site transportation to attend extended education and vocational programs. Due to the older age of this population, transportation within the community will be required to maintain a local continuum of care and access to community-based responses and interventions, thereby enhancing re-entry efforts.

Additional exercise equipment will enhance the weight room the youth use daily. An elliptical body-weight machine will assist youth in their cardio-vascular health and a leg press machine will help youth with lower body strength. The addition of these machines will increase the number of youths who can participate at the same time during weightlifting exercise activities.

2.2 The enhancement of higher railings will add another layer of safety for the youth. The railing extension will provide more personal security ensuring youth the necessary ability to move safely throughout the housing pods.

Transportation vans will accommodate up to 10 passengers. There are no existing transportation vans designated for the APEX Academy.

The addition of more gym equipment will enhance the youths' needs for exercise and generate a more complete weight-room workout environment. The improvements in overall physical conditioning of the youth will also provide a more structured regimen.

**Senate Bill 823 Request for Applications
Budget Table
April 1, 2021**

Applicant:	Kern County Probation Department		
LINE ITEMS	SB 823 BUDGET		
	STATE REIMBURSED	CASH CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL
1. Construction	\$ 25,000		\$25,000.00
2. Architectural	\$ -		\$ -
3. Fixed Furnishings/Equipment	\$ 6,908		\$ 6,908.00
4. Moveable Furnishings/Equipment	\$ -		\$ -
5. Construction Management	\$ -		\$ -
6. Transportation/Equipment	\$ 50,492	\$ 11,636	\$ 62,128.00
7. Training Materials/Supplies	\$ -		\$ -
8. Programing Materials/Supplies	\$ -		\$ -
9. Other One-Time Personnel Costs (planning, development, and project management) (Not to Exceed 25% of total budget)	\$ -		\$ -
10. Other			\$ -
Total Project Costs	\$ 82,400.00	\$ 11,636.00	\$ 94,036.00
Percentage of Total	88%	12%	100%

Provide an explanation below of how the dollar figures were determined for each of the budget categories above that contain dollar amounts. Every cash contribution line item shall be included with a reporting of the full amount budgeted unless a line item is not an actual cash contribution project cost for the county. (In that case, indicate so below.) For each budget category explanation below, include how state funding and the county contribution dollar amounts have been determined and calculated (be specific).

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LINE ITEMS	COMMENTS
1. Construction	Extended railing from existing railing up to ceiling in the housing pods second tier. This extended railing will prevent youth and staff injuries from self-harm or assaultive behaviors. Amount was determined through cost estimation of similar projects.
2. Architectural	N/A
3. Fixed Furnishings/Equipment	Cortech weightlifting equipment. Per Title 15, youth are required to participate in large muscle activity for at least one hour per day. The equipment will provide the youth greater options to increase physical wellbeing during large muscle activity times. Amount was determined based quotes from vendor.
4. Moveable Furnishings/Equipment	N/A
5. Construction Management	N/A
6. Transportation Equipment	Transportation vans. The vans will allow staff to safely transport youth who require off-site transportation to extended school and vocational training opportunities. Amount determined based on available cost information.

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7. Training Materials/Supplies	N/A
8. Programing Materials/Supplies	N/A
9. Other One-Time Personnel Costs (planning, development, and project management) (Not to Exceed 25% of total budget)	N/A
10. Other	N/A

Appendix D: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement

It is the policy of the BSCC to protect grant funds from unreasonable risks of fraudulent, criminal, or other improper use. As such, the Board will not enter into contracts or provide reimbursement to applicants that have been:

1. debarred by any federal, state, or local government entities during the period of debarment; or
2. convicted of fraud, theft, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local government grant funds for a period of three years following conviction.


Furthermore, the BSCC requires grant recipients to provide an assurance that there has been no applicable debarment, disqualification, suspension, or removal from a federal, state or local grant program on the part of the grantee at the time of application and that the grantee will immediately notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

BSCC also requires that all grant recipients include, as a condition of award to a subgrantee or subcontractor, a requirement that the subgrantee or subcontractor will provide the same assurances to the grant recipient. If a grant recipient wishes to consider a subgrantee or subcontractor that has been debarred or convicted, the grant recipient must submit a written request for exception to the BSCC along with supporting documentation.

By checking the following boxes and signing below, applicant affirms that:

- I/We are not currently debarred by any federal, state, or local entity from applying for or receiving federal, state, or local grant funds.
- I/We have not been convicted of any crime involving theft, fraud, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local grant funds within the last three years. We will notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.
- I/We will hold subgrantees and subcontractors to these same requirements.

A grantee may make a request in writing to the Executive Director of the BSCC for an exception to the debarment policy. Any determination made by the Executive Director shall be made in writing.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE			
(This document must be signed by the person who is authorized to sign the Grant Agreement.)			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER TR Merickel	TITLE Chief Probation Officer	TELEPHONE NUMBER (661) 868-4102	
STREET ADDRESS 2005 Ridge Rd.	CITY Bakersfield	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93305
EMAIL ADDRESS merickelt@kernprobation.org			
AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE ((Blue Ink Only or E-signature)) X 			DATE: April 29, 2021