

October 15, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY
INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer to accept, on behalf of the County, grant funds allocated by the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), in the amount of \$2,480,360, and an additional amount of \$1,293,908, which is being released by 57 cities in the County to the District Attorney for the exclusive use towards programs promoting greater accountability of juveniles in the justice system for a total award of \$3,774,268.
2. Authorize the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the fourth-year grant award agreement and any extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 12, 1999, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Sheriff, District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, Public Defender, County Superintendent of Schools, the Chief of Police of a local Police Department, Chairperson of the Workforce Investment Board, and the Salvation Army to complete the annual application process for the JAIBG Program.

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On April 17, 2002, the Chief Administrative Office convened a meeting of the JAIBG Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition comprised of the representatives mentioned on the previous page to complete the fourth-year application process, which covers the period June 30, 2002 through June 29, 2003. The JAIBG Program was created to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the justice system. The goal is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The State of California, OCJP supports this effort by making grant funds available to state and local government agencies. Although the grant period began on June 30, 2002, participating departments were recently advised of the acceptance of their application.

The District Attorney, Public Defender, and Probation Department are the County agencies participating in JAIBG. Each of these agencies will use the grant funds as follows:

District Attorney

- Enhance and expand the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN), a diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders to serve the cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, and Torrance.
- Continue the Prosecution Enhancement Program in order to improve the quality and timeliness of juvenile prosecutions through the assignment of experienced felony trial deputy district attorneys to the Los Angeles County Juvenile Courts.
- Continue the Heightened Enforcement and Targeting (HEAT) and WIC 707 Vertical Prosecution Programs to target gang crime and serious violent felony crimes.
- Continue to provide truancy abatement through the Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT) Program.
- Continue the Legal Education and Decision-making (Project LEAD) law-based curriculum for fifth and sixth grade students taught throughout the County by volunteer Deputy District Attorneys and Investigators. JAIBG funds cover the cost for field trips to the Los Padrinos Juvenile Court and Museum of Tolerance for school-aged youth.

- Support Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE), a community prosecution program providing intensive youth anti-gang and anti-drug programming in the City of Whittier.

Public Defender

- Continue the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) Project. Deputy Public Defenders assigned to the 10 Juvenile Courts will identify and refer juvenile clients who appear to have psycho-social, mental health, substance abuse problems, and learning disabilities to the C.A.R.E. Project Psychiatric Social Workers who will provide social work services. C.A.R.E. Project services include identifying services and programs to meet the minor's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client support during the court process, and developing recommendations for disposition plans and conditions of probation in difficult cases. The Project will serve 1,200 juvenile clients during the grant period.

Probation

- Continue the WIN accountability-based program for high-risk juvenile offenders, ages 16 to 18, who are under court order to remain on probation until they achieve high school graduation or GED certification. This program provides enhanced educational assistance and intensive case management, using the leverage of continued probation supervision as an incentive to achieve high school graduation or GED certification. The goal of the WIN Program is to serve 125 juvenile probationers attending one of the five identified Los Angeles Unified School District High Schools, one in each County Supervisorial District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Consistent with the County's Vision and Strategic Plan Implementation, this program provides quality public service, enhances organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries, and promotes the well-being of minors, families, and communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Grant funding of \$2,480,360 has been awarded to Los Angeles County for specific program areas that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system; grant funding of \$1,293,908 has been released by 57 cities to the District Attorney for similar programs. The grant funds awarded by the State OCJP provide 90 percent of the program costs with a required 10 percent match absorbed by departments participating in the JAIBG program. Participating departments have included the 10 percent match in their 2002-03 Budget.

	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
<u>District Attorney</u>		
Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN)	2.0	\$ 132,348
Prosecution Enhancement Program	7.0	\$ 1,071,073
Heightened Enforcement and Targeting (HEAT)	3.0	\$ 388,331
WIC 707 Prosecution	3.5	\$ 453,231
Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT)	3.0	\$ 311,294
Legal Education and Decision-making: Project LEAD	0.0	\$ 28,649
Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE)	0.0	\$ 19,228
Equipment and Training	<u>0.0</u>	<u>\$ 24,536</u>
Subtotal	18.5	\$ 2,428,690

	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
<u>Public Defender</u>		
Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.)	<u>16.0</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,457</u>
Subtotal	16.0	\$ 1,057,457
<u>Probation</u>		
High School Graduate/GED Program	<u>2.5</u>	<u>\$ 288,121</u>
Subtotal	2.5	\$ 288,121
Total JAIBG Award		\$ 3,774,268
10 percent County match	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 419,362</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM	37.0	\$ 4,193,630

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Law 105-119 appropriated \$250,000,000 for the JAIBG Program under Section 1802 of Title III of H.R. 3, passed by the House of Representatives on May 8, 1997. Responsibility for administration of the JAIBG program is assigned to the State. Block grant funds are provided to units of local government based on a formula, which considers a jurisdiction's data and reported violent crime. Using this formula, OCJP distributed California's \$22,091,698 appropriation to 488 cities and counties; Los Angeles County will receive \$2,480,360; the City of Los Angeles \$2,041,112 and 57 cities \$1,293,908.

The County of Los Angeles is charged with providing vital services in the area of law enforcement and adult and juvenile justice to a population in excess of nine million people. Pursuant to Government Code Section 26500.05, the County is authorized to participate in any project or program to improve the administration of justice.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The programs included in JAIBG will improve and provide an enhanced level of services in existing programs. In accordance with your December 15, 1998 directive requiring justice and public safety Departments to determine the impact programs that augment attorney positions will have on other justice and public safety Departments, our recommendations have been reviewed and cleared by all public safety and justice Departments.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return four (4) copies of the adopted Resolution, containing original signatures to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

DEJ:DL
RMG:ljp

Attachments (1)

c: District Attorney
County Counsel
Chief Probation Officer
Public Defender

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
2 **RESOLUTION**

3 **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS**
4 **ANGELES AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND**
5 **CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO ACCEPT FUNDING ALLOCATED BY THE**
6 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING (OCJP),**
7 **FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG)**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is charged with providing vital**
10 **services in areas of courts, law enforcement, and adult and juvenile justice to a**
11 **population in excess of nine million people; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles is**
13 **authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 26500.5 to participate in any**
14 **project or program to improve the administration of justice; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the County, through the Los Angeles District Attorney, Public**
16 **Defender, and Chief Probation Officer desires to participate in the Juvenile**
17 **Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning has awarded fourth-**
19 **year grant funds to the County and to fifty-seven cities in the County of Los**
20 **Angeles that have released their JAIBG funds to the County to be used**
21 **exclusively for juvenile accountability programs provided by the District**
22 **Attorney; and**

23 **WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the District**
24 **Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer to accept fourth-year**
25 **funding as it becomes available and execute the Grant Award Agreement on**
behalf of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the District
Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer or their designees, to
serve as Project Directors on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to perform all

1 necessary tasks to complete the projects including progress reports and
2 payment requests, and to sign any extensions, revisions or amendments to the
3 Grant Award Agreement;

4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the
5 County of Los Angeles hereby agrees to accept JAIBG grant awards from the
6 Office of Criminal Justice Planning and from 57 cities, and authorizes the
7 participation of the County of Los Angeles through its District Attorney's Office,
8 Public Defender's Office, and Probation Department in the Juvenile
9 Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program;

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby
11 authorizes the District Attorney, Public Defender, Chief Probation Officer to
12 serve as Project Directors of their respective programs and to sign and execute
13 the Grant Award Agreement, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, for
14 acceptance of fourth-year JAIBG funding and to perform all further tasks
15 necessary for the completion of the project, including the execution and
16 submission of amendments, progress reports and payment requests for the
17 Grant Award Agreement;

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles agrees not to
19 use the aforementioned grant funds to supplant local expenditures controlled by
20 this body;

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles, through its
22 District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Probation Department
23 agrees to provide all matching funds required for this project (including any
24 amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of
25 OCJP and that the cash match will be appropriated as required;

IT IS AGREED that liability arising out of the performance of this Grant
Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the
responsibility of the grantee(s) and the authorizing agencies. The State of
California Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning disclaims
responsibility for any such liability.

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The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2002, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing district, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

**VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles**

By _____
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL:
LLOYD W. PELLMAN**

By _____
**GORDON TRASK
Deputy County Counsel**