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**Juvenile Accountability Block
Grant (JABG) Program
Fiscal Year 2014/2015**

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:
DIRECT ALLOCATION GRANT
APPLICATION PACKET**

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Applications due by 5:00 p.m., May 30, 2014

In addition to the grant application, this Request for Applications (RFA) packet includes important information about funding provisions, grant eligibility, and application submission requirements.

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Overview of Grant Award

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program, administered at the federal level by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), supports state and local efforts to reduce juvenile crime through programs that focus on offender accountability (Public Law 107-273). As the designated state agency for this federally funded program, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) distributes the Federal annual allocations to those local jurisdictions meeting the federal funding threshold to receive a direct allocation. The grant year will cover July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It should be noted that the JABG program was not funded at the federal level in FY 2014/15 and funding for future years remains uncertain. Due to timing issues associated with the release of federal funds, the BSCC has a reserve of JABG funding from previous year allocations that have not been dispersed. This will allow the local jurisdictions that meet the FY 2013/14 threshold for receiving a direct allocation (see Attachment A) to be funded by the BSCC for the project period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The local allocation amounts as determined by OJJDP for FY 2013/14 were significantly reduced from previous years, however, the BSCC will offset this reduction with the use of some one-time discretionary JABG funding. This discretionary funding if unused will revert back to the federal government rather than directly benefiting the California local programs that qualify for JABG funding. Although the BSCC will support local projects to the extent that any reserved funding will allow, continued funding for direct allocations and/or enhancements will be dependent upon the outcome of future federal appropriations.

California's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), which oversees the use of federal funds administered by the BSCC, identified three priority areas in their new three-year Strategic Plan on which California is to focus its efforts. The three priority areas are:

1. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), now referred to as Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) – includes direct services, education/awareness, and support through resources and advocacy to address any disparities in the decision-making processes within the juvenile justice system that impact youth of color and the corresponding disproportionality of youth of color coming into contact with the juvenile justice system.
2. Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) – places an emphasis on achieving measurable outcomes and making sure that the services provided and the resources used are effective. It involves using research-based, and scientific studies to identify interventions that reliably produce significant reductions in recidivism, when correctly applied to offender populations through the use of the following four principles of effective intervention:
 - a. Risk Principle – focuses attention on the crucial question of WHO is being served and calls for targeting the highest risk offenders.
 - b. Need Principle – requires that priority be given to addressing criminogenic risk/need factors with a clear focus on WHAT programs are delivered.
 - c. Treatment Principle – conveys the importance of using behavioral treatment approaches to achieve the best possible outcomes and requires attention to the questions of HOW programs are delivered.
 - d. Fidelity Principle – draws attention to HOW WELL programs are delivered and reiterates the necessity that programs be implemented as designed.

Successful implementation of EBP includes organizational development to create and sustain a culture accepting of best practices and evidence-based approaches, including a commitment to initial and ongoing professional development and training, use of validated risk/needs assessment tools, data collection and analysis, use of programs and practices known to produce positive criminal justice outcomes, quality assurance assessments to ensure program fidelity, performance management to improve programs and policies, a “systems change approach” to develop collaborations so that tasks, functions and sub-units work effectively together and not at cross-purposes, and a focus on sustainability.

3. A strategy to support efforts to develop and strengthen services, programs, and policies that promotes positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities – focuses on system improvement of juvenile detention policy and practice, and may include programs, research, and other initiatives to examine issues or improve practices, policies, or procedures on a system-wide basis (e.g., examining problems affecting decisions from arrest to disposition and detention to corrections).

The SACJJDP encourages JABG recipients to align the use of their direct allocation with the three priority areas identified in the SACJJDP’s Strategic Plan.

Application Requirements

Due Date: This application is due to the BSCC via e-mail by **May 30, 2014**. A signed, hard copy of the application is to follow, submitted by the applicant via U.S. mail.

Eligible Applicants: Units of local government meeting the minimum federal funding threshold, as issued by OJJDP for FY 2013/14, are eligible to apply for the formula-based direct allocation. **Please refer to Attachment A for a listing of eligible units of local government, including the federally determined grant amount for each.** Localities shall designate an implementing agency for the grant project.

Local Advisory Board: Under federal law, a local advisory board must review a Coordinated Enforcement Plan (CEP) outlining how JABG funds will be expended. For the purpose of this grant, this application is the CEP. The board must include, if appropriate, representatives from the police, sheriff and probation departments, district attorney's office, juvenile court, education, social services, a nonprofit and nongovernmental victim advocacy organization, and a nonprofit religious or community group. Grantees may use an existing advisory board with similar membership (e.g., Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council) to meet this requirement.

Local Match: Applicants must assure that they will contribute a cash match of 10% of the total project costs. See Attachment A for required match amounts **based on the federal formula** which requires match to be computed by dividing the funding allocated by 0.9 x 1.0). Applicants opting to use JABG funds to construct new and permanent detention facilities must provide a 50% cash match. Matching funds may be either state or local dollars. Federal funds are not an allowable match source.

Eligible Expenditures: Grantees must expend JABG funds for projects that fall within the 18 federally designated program purpose areas, with a focus on juvenile accountability. **Please see Attachment B for information on the JABG program purpose areas and performance measures.** Additionally, the California SACJJDP strongly encourages JABG recipients to align the use of their direct allocation with the three priority areas identified in their Strategic Plan.

Disbursement of Grant Funds: Disbursement of grant funds occurs on a reimbursement basis for actual project costs incurred during a reporting period. Grantees must submit invoices online to the BSCC on a quarterly basis, within 45 days following the end of the reporting period. Grantees must maintain adequate supporting documentation for all costs, both grant and match, claimed on invoices.

Federal Performance Measures: Federal regulations require JABG grantees to select a program purpose area(s) from the JABG program list and report specific data pertaining to the area(s) identified. Grantees will report data to the BSCC on a quarterly basis via progress reports.

Resolution: Applicants must submit a resolution from their governing board (City Council or Board of Supervisors) addressing specific requirements. **Please see Attachment C for a Sample Resolution.** The resolution must be on file with the BSCC prior to a finalized grant award agreement being executed.

Waivers: A qualifying unit of local government may waive its right to a direct grant award and request that such unit's funds be awarded to and expended for its benefit by a larger or contiguous unit of local government. **Please see Attachment D for the pertinent waiver documentation.**

DMC/R.E.D. Training: DMC/R.E.D. refers to the overrepresentation of youth of color who come into contact with the juvenile justice system (at all points, from arrest through confinement) relative to their numbers in the general population. To receive federal funding, the State of California is required to demonstrate a good faith effort to address DMC/R.E.D. In an effort to comply with this requirement, the BSCC has undertaken a number of activities to ensure that California addresses DMC/R.E.D. Accordingly, JABG recipients are invited to attend a one day regional DMC/R.E.D. training for project directors and other interested staff which will be provided during the program year.

Viewing direct service for at-risk youth through the R.E.D. lens not only complements the principles of the JABG program but can effectively influence the impact of current interventions. The regional R.E.D. courses will be provided at no cost to attendees and address issues relevant to participants who have received previous training as well as those attending R.E.D. training for the first time. Three trainings will be offered; one for the central, northern and southern regions to be held in May and June of this year. JABG funding may be used to reimburse agencies for travel related expenditures such as mileage, meals, lodging (if required), and other per diem costs. Applicants should include these costs in the budget section of this application. Registration information regarding the date, time and location of the regional trainings has been sent to all project directors. Additional information about R.E.D. can be found at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/programs-and-services/cpp/services> or applicants may contact the R.E.D. Coordinator, Shalinee Hunter, by telephone at (916) 322-8081 or by email at shalinee.hunter@bscc.ca.gov.

Complete Application Submittal: A complete application includes the application document, Federal Performance Measures form(s) and governing body's resolution. Additionally, waiver documents are required from any applicant receiving funds waived from another locality.

Progress Reports: Grantees must submit quarterly progress reports, including the mandatory federal data and project progress notes, utilizing the JABG Progress Report form provided on the BSCC website <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/programs-and-services/cpp/services/grantee-progress-reports>.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act: The intent of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) is to empower every American with the ability to hold the government accountable for each spending decision. The end result is to reduce wasteful spending in the government. The FFATA legislation requires information on federal awards (federal financial assistance and expenditures) be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is www.USASpending.gov.

The FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at <https://www.fsr.gov/> is the reporting tool Federal prime awardees (i.e. prime contractors and prime grants recipients) use to capture and report subaward and executive compensation data regarding their first-tier subawards to meet the FFATA reporting requirements. Prime contract awardees will report against subcontracts awarded and prime grant awardees will report against subgrants awarded. The subaward information entered in FSRS will then be displayed on www.USASpending.gov associated with the prime award furthering Federal spending transparency.

It is possible that funding used to support the 2014/15 JABG grant activities will trigger the FFATA reporting requirement. Should this occur we will contact your agency to obtain the information needed to report into the FSRS.

Audit: Grantees must submit an audit of expenditures within 120 days of the end of the grant period. Reasonable and necessary extensions to the timeframe may be granted if requested. Grantees may choose to submit either a program specific audit or a federal single audit.

Summary of Key Dates:

May 30, 2014	Applications due to the BSCC via email with signed hard copy to follow via U.S. mail
July 1, 2014	Grant year begins
November 15, 2014	First quarterly progress report due covering July – Sept. 2014 First quarterly financial invoice due covering July – Sept. 2014
February 15, 2015	Second quarterly progress report due covering Oct. – Dec. 2014 Second quarterly financial invoice due covering Oct. – Dec. 2014
May 15, 2015	Third quarterly progress report due covering Jan. – Mar. 2015 Third quarterly financial invoice due covering Jan. – Mar. 2015
June 30, 2015	Grant year ends
August 15, 2015	Fourth quarterly progress report due covering Apr. – June 2015 Fourth quarterly financial invoice due covering Apr. – June 2015
October 31, 2015	Final audit report due (unless extension granted)

Contact and Program Information: Questions regarding this application process may be directed to Colleen Stoner, Field Representative for the BSCC, by telephone at (916) 324-9385 or by email at colleen.stoner@bscc.ca.gov.

Further information about the JABG Program, including fiscal and progress reporting forms and the Grant Contract Administration and Audit Guide, is also available on the BSCC's website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/programs-and-services/cpp/resources>.

**JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) PROGRAM
2014/15 DIRECT ALLOCATION APPLICATION
SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

A. APPLICANT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	CFDA#	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
City of Los Angeles	213-978-0825	16.523	95-600735	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
200 N. Spring Street	Los Angeles		CA	90012
MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE

B. PROJECT TITLE	C. PROGRAM PURPOSE AREA	D. AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED
Community Law Enforcement and Recovery	10	\$ 106,295

E. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program is a multi-agency gang reduction program designed to facilitate the recovery of gang-infested communities. This is accomplished by decreasing the criminal activity of targeted gangs in designated communities through an effective collaboration with City and County criminal justice agencies. The CLEAR Team includes the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles City Attorney, Los Angeles County District Attorney, California Department of Corrections Parole, federal partners, the Mayor's Office, and community stakeholders.

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; 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 amongst themselves and with these communities.

JABG funds will be utilized to support law enforcement salaries for law enforcement gang suppression personnel from the City Attorney's Office in the Rampart and 77th CLEAR sites.

F. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY Grant Period: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

AGENCY NAME			
City of Los Angeles			
NAME, TITLE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR			TELEPHONE NUMBER
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NAME AND TITLE			TELEPHONE NUMBER
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I. APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT
By submitting this application the applicant agrees that it will abide by the laws, policies and procedures governing this funding.

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (PERSON WITH LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SIGN)				TELEPHONE NUMBER
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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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5/23/14