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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AND THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER BLOCK GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FROM THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY RESTORATION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Authorization to apply for and accept funding under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to finalize the County of Los Angeles (County) Application for continuation funding of the consolidated JJCPA-YOBG Program (Program), and submit final documents to the OYCR by May 1, 2025.
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to accept JJCPA funding for FY 2025-26 estimated at \$27,000,000 and YOBG funding for FY 2025-26 estimated at \$40,000,000 from the OYCR.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to negotiate, execute, amend, modify, terminate, and/or extend agreements with agencies to provide services consistent with the Program, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.
4. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to utilize any interest or unspent Program funds available in FY 2025-26 on qualifying Program expenses.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to apply for and accept funding to continue the implementation of the Program. As of July 1, 2024, all juvenile justice grant-related responsibilities have transferred from the Board of State and Community Corrections to the OYCR pursuant to Assembly Bill 169, Chapter 50. The OYCR requires that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department's (Probation) Application for FY 2025-26 Program funding be submitted to them by May 1, 2025. The recommended actions will also delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to negotiate, execute, amend, modify, terminate, and/or extend agreements with agencies to continue these efforts, as required by the Program. In addition, the Chief Probation Officer or his designee will be authorized to utilize interest and unspent Program funds available in FY 2025-26 on allowable Program expenses. The JJCPA component of the Program is the result of a multi-agency effort of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). Consistent with the OYCR's requirements, the JJCC has continued to meet to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the JJCPA component of the Program.

For FY 2025-26, Probation's JJCPA funding allocation is estimated at \$27,000,000 and YOBG funding for FY 2025-26 estimated at \$40,000,000, however, until the Legislature sends the Governor a budget, the OYCR cannot guarantee or identify specifics regarding the FY 2025-26 funding amount for JJCPA or YOBG.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan North Star 2: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal B, Care First, Jails Last. Specifically, it will address Strategy iii, Integrated, Equitable, and Culturally-Responsive Services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

For FY 2025-26, Probation's JJCPA funding allocation is estimated at \$27,000,000 and YOBG funding for FY 2025-26 estimated at \$40,000,000 pending approval of the County's Application. There is no match requirement or net County cost associated with the Program. The County must adhere to Program requirements regarding the expenditure of said funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 30061 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1961, as amended by AB 1998 (Chapter 880, Statutes of 2016) establish the planning and reporting requirements under the JJCPA and the YOBG programs. Effective July 1, 2024, all juvenile justice grant-related responsibilities have transferred from the Board of State and Community Corrections to the OYCR pursuant to Assembly Bill 169, Chapter 50. By May 1 of each year, counties are required to submit to the OYCR their annual plans for JJCPA and YOBG spending. These plans describe all programs, placements, strategies, services, and system enhancements that will be supported with JJCPA and/or YOBG funds in the upcoming fiscal year.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Funding will allow for the continued implementation of the Program that addresses the critical problem of mental health needs of probationers, provides community-level prevention and intervention strategies that target high-risk neighborhoods, and focuses on achieving success for probationers and at-risk or at-promise youth. These services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations. Additionally, Program funding will provide specialized and individualized services and supervision to high-risk youth who formerly could have received confinement in a state juvenile justice facility. Probation intends to leverage programs funded by the YOBG with the JJCPA programs to provide evidence-based programs and services to probationers identified with high needs for special services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guillermo Viera Rosa".

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