

Los Angeles County's Application for the State Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant Program

In November 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47 (Prop 47), which reduced certain non-violent, non-serious drug and property crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. The removal of felonies from the criminal records of many residents reduced significant barriers to employment, healthcare services, education, and other social services, including housing. It also decreased the incarceration rate, which resulted in significant cost savings for the State of California (State). The statute directed that State savings from Prop 47 be used specifically for mental health and substance use treatment; truancy and dropout prevention among K- 12 public school students; and victim services. Assembly Bill 1056, enacted in October 2015, added additional priorities for these savings including housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services such as job skills training, case management and civil legal services.

Since 2017, Los Angeles County (County) has been awarded three Prop 47 grants from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), first to the Department of Health Services' Office of Diversion and Reentry's (ODR) Reentry Division, then to the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) once ODR's Reentry Division transitioned to JCOD in November 2022. Following the issuance of each Request for

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Proposal (RFP), the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion directing ODR, in collaboration with key County, City of Los Angeles, and community partners, to lead the development of an innovative Prop 47 grant proposal, including by creating a Local Advisory Committee for robust stakeholder engagement. On April 11, 2025, the BSCC issued a fifth RFP for Prop 47 grants for a grant period of October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. The RFP focuses on the same priorities and eligible populations as previous cohorts, with an added emphasis on funding for treatment programs that serve individuals charged with the new “treatment-mandated felony” offense under Proposition 36 (Prop 36).

Since April 2018, the Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) program has provided case management and service navigation to improve behavioral health, physical health, and wellbeing for justice-involved individuals. JCOD contracts with 24 community-based organizations to operate the program, and 34,000 individuals have been served since its inception. Since 2021, the Skills and Experience for the Careers of Tomorrow (SECTOR) program has provided job skills training and employment services to connect participants with opportunities in Los Angeles’ high-growth sectors that offer career pathways and family-sustaining wages. JCOD contracts with eight community-based organizations to provide the services and nearly 3,000 participants have been served. JCOD also operates the Rapid Diversion Program (RDP), which was originally launched in 2019 as pilot by the LA County Public Defender’s Office. RDP is a pre-plea diversion program which serves individuals with a mental health diagnosis or substance use disorder. RDP has diverted over 3,000 individuals and had over 1,000 graduations since inception. JCOD’s Prefiling Diversion Program, which launched in 2021, diverts individuals detained for non-serious and non-violent

misdemeanors and felonies to community supports. If individuals complete their program, their charges are not filed.

In November 2024, California voters approved Prop 36, which partially reversed Proposition 47 by reclassifying certain petty theft and drug offenses as felonies, requiring some individuals who previously served their sentences at the County level to serve them in State prison, and creating a new treatment-mandated felony charge requiring participation in drug treatment programs for eligible defendants. It is expected that Prop 36 will increase State prison populations, and, therefore, will reduce the savings generated, and funding available to Counties from Prop 47. The Chief Executive Office (CEO) recently reported back¹ to the Board that, while it is too soon to fully understand the impacts on Prop 47 funding as a result of Prop 36, it is expected that Prop 47 funding will be significantly impacted, with a reduction of up to 74 percent in savings. This in turn would reduce available funding for Prop 47 funded programs.

In light of this new landscape, and the current fiscal outlook facing the County, JCOD proposes to use Cohort 5 grant funding, if awarded, to sustain RICMS and SECTOR services and to partner with other Departments and JCOD programs to meet the diverse needs of JCOD's clients. To address a gap in care management for veterans, JCOD would partner with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) to provide RICMS services specific to justice involved veterans. It would also be used to support diversion for individuals impacted through Prop 36, through allocation of RICMS and SECTOR slots to individuals referred through JCOD's RDP and Pre-Filing Diversion Program.

¹ Understanding the Fiscal Impact of Proposition 36 on County Programs, April 30, 2025:
https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/bc/1183069_043025_ReportBackonFiscalImpactofProposition36onCountyPrograms_bm.pdf

The RFP also requires the creation or continuation of a Prop 47 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) comprising of a broad range of stakeholders from the communities impacted by the proposal to inform the development and implementation of the grant project. The current LA County and City Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) has met regularly since the implementation of the first grant in 2016 and, with its diverse membership, is well-positioned to continue its role providing oversight of the grant project and coordinating across Prop 47 grantees within Los Angeles.

Considering the potential devastating loss of funding due to Prop 36, JCOD, on behalf of Los Angeles County, should apply for Prop 47 grant funding from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to continue funding the Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) program and the Skills and Experience for the Careers of Tomorrow (SECTOR) program, and to support JCOD's Rapid Diversion Program (RDP) and Pre-Filing Diversion Program (PFDP).

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Director of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), or their designee, to submit the Los Angeles County application for Cohort 5 of the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals that continues to focus on the priority areas identified in the Prop 47 Town Hall meetings and incorporates stakeholder feedback gathered through ongoing Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) meetings.
2. In the event that the County is awarded Prop 47 funds by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), authorize the Director of JCOD or their designee, to do the following, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel:
 - a. Accept the grant and manage implementation of the program;

- b. Sign and execute the BSCC Grant Award Agreement and all other necessary documents to accept the award, effective upon execution; and
 - c. Execute any future amendments to the Grant Award Agreement and all other related documents.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Director of JCOD or their designee to retain and execute a new agreement with a consultant to perform data collection and evaluation services during the term of the Proposition 47 Program grant, and amendments to the agreement, at a cost not to exceed ten percent of the total grant award from BSCC, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.
- 4. Delegate authority to the Director of JCOD or their designee to execute new agreements and amendments to existing agreements with community-based organizations that are necessary to implement the Los Angeles County Proposition 47 Program, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

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