



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

September 27, 2021

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Notification of Request for Authority to Accept a Grant Award in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Gang Reduction and Youth Development and Probation Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6(c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development ("GRYD Office") hereby notifies the Los Angeles City Council of its award of funding from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department ("Probation") for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Gang Reduction and Youth Development ("GRYD") and Probation Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program in support of the comprehensive GRYD strategy (hereinafter referred to as the, "Juvenile Re-Entry" Program).

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to accept the funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for an agreement period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and approval of the proposed budget for the Probation JJCPA grant.

## I. JUVENILE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

### A. Background

The Juvenile Re-Entry Program is a collaboration between the Mayor's GRYD Office and the County Probation Department to provide Juvenile Gang Re-Entry services to

youth suspected of gang-involvement who are exiting County probation camps and returning to their communities in the City of Los Angeles.

GRYD oversees a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing gang-related crime within City communities that contain the highest concentrations of gang activity. This strategy involves providing gang prevention and intervention services to gang-involved individuals in City communities, which includes Family Case Management (“FCM Services”) for the youth and their families. GRYD’s FCM Services model has been adapted to the needs of the juvenile re-entry population (“Re-Entry Services”) and is designed to facilitate successful re-entry back into the community by increasing pro-social behavior and decreasing gang-identity and violence.

The partnership began November 2014 and was originally funded through federal grants and later through the City’s general fund until June 2018. Probation requested a renewal of the partnership in 2019 and agreed to provide funding.

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors delegated authority to Probation to enter into agreements with agencies and/or government entities to provide services consistent with the JJCPA grant program. As such, GRYD and Probation agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the provision of such services on 01/22/2020. The original term expired June 30, 2021, but will be extended for one (1) year; June 30, 2022.

## **B. Juvenile Re-Entry Services**

In Los Angeles County, youth exiting Probation camps are assigned Deputy Probation Officers (“DPOs”) to coordinate aftercare services in preparation for their release back into the community. Initially, DPOs will refer individuals to the Program prior to their release from a camp. A designated agency contracted by the City (“Re-Entry Contractor”) will assess the referral for eligibility and enrollment. Once enrolled, the Re-Entry Contractor will provide GRYD Re-Entry services to the youth and their family. GRYD is responsible for contractual oversight of its Re-Entry Contractor(s), who work directly with program participants in conjunction with designated DPOs to ensure successful completion of the Program.

The primary goals of the GRYD Re-Entry Program are to:

- Decrease the youth’s gang identity, involvement in violence and recidivism.
- Transfer the youth’s attachment from gangs to positive activities/pro-social connections.
- Reunify the youth with their family, and reintegrate youth into their home environment.

Mayor’s Staff will be tasked with administering this program. Please see staff descriptions below:

- The Senior Regional Program Coordinator (“Senior RPC”) will be responsible for grant administration and will serve as the primary point of contact with Probation. The Senior RPC will also be responsible for ensuring that the project implementation plan is adhered to, project objectives are met, and reports are submitted according to the timeline determined by Probation.
- The Regional Program Coordinator (RPC) will oversee Juvenile Re-entry initiatives, provide direct services within their respective GRYD Zone, and provide technical assistance to its assigned contractors.
- The Accountant is responsible for all fiscal matters, including financial reporting and contract compliance.

**1. Data Collection**

Data for the Program will be collected to gather youth and family information. Demographic information of referrals such as age, ethnicity, gender, home address, etc., as well as referral source information from Probation, such as the date and referring person’s name and title will be collected and secured.

GRYD has invested heavily in a reputable database system; the ‘Efforts to Outcomes’ data collection software (ETO). ETO is designed to assess program measures, case management, service dosage, demographics, and needs. In addition, the database is used extensively by our research and evaluation team at Cal State University of Los Angeles (CSULA). GRYD program coordinators utilize the system when providing technical assistance to contractors and when monitoring contractors for contract compliance. Thus, the data collected is used to both evaluate the efficacy of programs and to improve service delivery to youth and families.

**C. Budget**

The following was submitted to Probation and approved by Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). This grant allocates \$1,000,000 over twelve months.

<b>LINE ITEM</b>	<b>GRANT FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1. Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0
2. Services and Supplies	\$0	\$0
3. Professional Services	\$0	\$0
4. CBO Contract(s)	\$935,000	\$935,000
5. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0
6. Fixed Assets / Equipment	\$0	\$0
7. Evaluation/Data Collection	\$65,000	\$65,000
8. Other (Travel, Training, etc.)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PER YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

## D. Reserve Fund Loan

The GRYD Office requests a reserve fund loan in the amount of \$300,000 to front-fund program-related activities associated with the Juvenile Re-Entry Program. Probation administers the JJCPA Grant on a reimbursement basis only, requiring grant recipients to front fund expenditures prior to submitting requests for reimbursement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**IT IS THEREFORE** requested that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to retroactively accept the Juvenile Re-Entry Program award in the amount of up to \$1,000,000, for the agreement period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with the following five (5) community-based organizations: Soledad Enrichment Action Inc., Watts Labor Community Action Committee, El Centro Del Pueblo, Homeboy Industries and New Directions for Youth to provide juvenile re-entry services to youth exiting County Probation and returning to communities within the City of Los Angeles, for an initial three month period within the grant performance period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$935,000, subject to the availability of funds, compliance with City contracting requirements and the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) to obtain data collection, analysis and reports, database management and progress evaluation, for the period of for a term of 12 months within the performance period of the grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$65,000, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:

Establish a new fund entitled 21-22 JJCPA Grant Fund XXX, Department 46; recognize a receivable for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000; expend funds upon presentation and proper demand from the Mayor, or designee, and establish appropriation accounts as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
46V304	Contractual Svcs	\$1,000,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1,000,000</u></b>

5. **AUTHORIZE** a Reserve Fund Loan in the amount of \$300,000 to support program-related activities under the 2021-2022 JJCPA Grant Program, and authorize the Controller to transfer said amount from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance Fund100, Department 58 and transfer therefrom to the 21-22 JJCPA Grant Fund XXX, Department 46, Account 46V304 Contractual Services to be reimbursed upon receipt of grant funds from the Probation; and
6. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and Council on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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