

REPORT FROM

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Council District:

To: The City Council

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated September 24, 2025; Additional information received through October 11, 2025

Subject: **2025-26 JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.4 MILLION FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND CONTRACTS FOR THE JUVENILE RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Note and file the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development report dated September 24, 2025;
2. Authorize the Mayor or designee to:
 - a. Accept the 2025-26 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2025-26 JJCPA) Grant in the amount of \$2,400,000 from the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County Probation) to support the Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program (Re-Entry Program) for the period from September 18, 2025 through June 30, 2026;
 - b. Submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the implementation of the Re-Entry Program, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Negotiate and execute contract amendments with the five community-based organizations (CBO) listed below for a nine-month period within the grant performance period, with two one-year renewal options, to provide juvenile re-entry services to youth exiting County Probation, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and the availability of funds:

Service Provider	Regional Service Area	Amount
El Centro del Pueblo	Central	\$ 327,577.80
Homeboy Industries	Central	327,577.80
New Directions Youth and Family Services	Valley	327,577.80
Soledad Enrichment Action	South	327,577.80
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	South	327,577.80
	Total	\$ 1,637,889.00

- d. Negotiate and execute a contract with Loyola Marymount University to provide data management services for a nine-month period within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and the availability of funds;
 - e. Negotiate and execute contracts with two CBOs to be selected upon completion of the Request for Proposals process to provide Healing Circle training and case management training for the Re-Entry Program for a nine-month period within the grant performance period, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and the availability of funds;
3. Approve the funding allocation of the 2025-26 JJCPA grant award to implement the Re-Entry Program for the period retroactive to September 18, 2025 through June 30, 2026 as follows:

Category	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 362,111
Service Provider Contracts	1,637,889
Evaluation/Data Collection	150,000
Training Contracts	250,000
Total	\$ 2,400,000

4. Request the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a new interest-bearing fund entitled "2025-26 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2025-26 JJCPA) Grant Fund" No. XXX/46, for the receipt and disbursement of JJCPA grant funds, to be administered by the Mayor's Office;
 - b. Establish new appropriation accounts within the 2025-26 JJCPA Grant Fund No. XXX/46 as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
46C146	Mayor	\$ 235,381.57
46C299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	126,729.43

46C304	Contractual Services	2,037,889.00
	Total	\$ 2,400,000.00

- c. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$235,381.57 within the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Account No. 001020, Grant Reimbursed for the reimbursement of grant-funded salary costs;
 - d. Transfer \$126,729.43 from the 2025-26 JJCPA Grant Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46C299 to the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Revenue Source Code 5346 for the reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
5. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments as necessary to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and City Council, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) requests authority to accept the 2025-26 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2025-26 JJCPA) Grant award in the amount of \$2.4 million from the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County Probation) to support the GRYD and County Probation Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program (Re-Entry Program) for the grant period from September 18, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The Re-Entry Program provides juvenile re-entry services to youth exiting the County Probation camps and returning to their communities within the City. There is no match requirement for this grant. A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed with County Probation for the 2025-26 Re-Entry Program effective from September 18, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Background

Established in 2014-15, the Re-Entry Program was initially funded by federal grants but funding reductions in subsequent years resulted in a General Fund subsidy to finance the majority of program costs. The Re-Entry Program was suspended in 2018-19 due to lack of funds, then restored in 2019-20 with a \$1 million grant award and a shortened performance period from January 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Subsequently, the County Probation and GRYD agreed to an extension through June 30, 2021 and has continued to renew the partnership annually since 2021-22.

The purpose of the Re-Entry Program is to provide youth exiting probation camps with services to assist with a successful re-entry back into their communities. Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) coordinate aftercare services and referrals to the Re-Entry Program for juveniles exiting probation camps. A City-designated re-entry provider assesses the referral for eligibility and enrollment. Once enrolled, the juveniles and their family members receive family case management services. The GRYD staff, re-entry contractors, and DPOs work together to ensure that youth participate and successfully complete the Re-Entry Program.

Program goals include:

- Reduction of youth gang identity, involvement in violence, and recidivism;
- Refocus youth attachment to positive activities and pro-social connections; and,
- Reunify youth with family and reintegrate youth into the home environment.

2025-26 Re-Entry Program

The 2025-26 JJCPA grant funds will be allocated as detailed in the table below.

Category	Amount
Salaries	\$ 235,381.57
Fringe Benefits	126,729.43
Contractual Services – Re-Entry Service Providers	1,637,889.00
Contractual Services – Evaluation/Data Collection	150,000.00
Contractual Services – Training	250,000.00
Total	\$ 2,400,000.00

A total of \$2,037,889 will be allocated for contractual services. On August 26, 2024, the Mayor's Office released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit five re-entry service providers within the Los Angeles Police Department's South, Central, and Valley Bureaus. The deadline to submit proposals was October 15, 2024. The RFP process resulted in the selection of five juvenile re-entry service providers. The GRYD Office requests authority to amend the contracts with the five selected re-entry providers to extend the contract terms through June 30, 2026 and increase the contract amounts by \$327,577.80 for a total of \$1.64 million as detailed in the table below.

Service Provider	Regional Service Area	Amount
El Centro del Pueblo	Central	\$ 327,577.80
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The GRYD Office utilizes a database collection software, Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), for case management, data analysis, and compliance monitoring. The GRYD Office requests to contract with Loyola Marymount University (LMU) to provide data management services for a nine-month period and a contract amount not to exceed \$150,000. According to the City Attorney, because the grant funding was awarded to the City with LMU as program partner, a sole-source authorization is not required.

Additionally, the GRYD Office is conducting an RFP process to select agencies to provide Healing Circle Training for youth in probation camps and case management training for the reentry

providers. The GRYD Office requests to execute contracts upon completion of the RFP process for a contract amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide Healing Circle training and a contract amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide case management training. Healing Circles are gatherings for youth in probation camps to share their experiences to foster connection, healing, and community building. Case management training helps ensure re-entry providers are well equipped to assess client needs, develop care plans, and coordinate services with a focus on ethics, cultural awareness, and effective communication.

Grant funds in the amount of \$235,381.57 is allocated to offset the salary costs of six GRYD staff positions, consisting of two Deputy Directors, one Program Manager, one Senior Accountant, one Contract Specialist, and one Accountant. The draft Cost Allocation Plan 47 was used to calculate fringe benefits totaling \$126,729.43.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed grant activities, including partial salary costs of six positions in the Mayor's Office, will be funded by the 2025-26 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Grant. There is no match requirement associated with the grant. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

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