KAREN BASS
MAYOR

October 13, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall

Re: Request for Authority to Accept a Grant Award in the amount of $2,400,000 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 $2,400,000 for an agreement period of October 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and approval of the proposed budget for the Probation JJCPA grant.

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 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 a performance period to expire at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2026. MOU attached as reference.

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.

In accordance with the following chart, the GRYD Office respectfully requests that it be permitted to retroactively negotiate and execute contracts with five (5) community-based organizations to provide juvenile re-entry services to youth exiting County Probation and returning to communities within the City of Los Angeles. Said contracts are in conformance with the pro forma contract attached to this transmittal, for a performance period of eight (8) months, effective from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, subject to the availability of funds, compliance with City contracting requirements, and the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality:

Re-Entry Provider	Regional Service Areas (RSA)	Amount
El Centro del Pueblo	Central	$327,577.80
Homeboy Industries	Central	$327,577.80
Alliance for Community Empowerment	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**

DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION

Program related data will be collected to understand the demographics of referrals; age, ethnicity, gender, home address, etc. Additionally, GRYD will collect 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. 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.

The GRYD Office respectfully requests authority to retroactively negotiate and execute a sole source contract with the Loyola Marymount University to provide data collection, analysis and reports, database management, and progress evaluation. Said contract is in conformance with the pro forma contract attached to this transmittal, in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00, for a performance period of eight (8) months effective from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The GRYD Office has obtained sole source contract approval from the City Attorney's Office, and can be provided upon request.

TRAINING

Program related training will be conducted to enhance the program deliverables and outcomes. Additionally, GRYD will collect referral source information from Probation, such as the date and referring person's name, and title will be collected and secured.
Case Manager and Healing Circle training.

CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Case Management Training equips professionals with the skills to assess client needs, develop care plans, coordinate services, and monitor outcomes. The training emphasizes ethical practice, communication, cultural competency, and effective documentation. Ideal for those in healthcare, social work, or human services, this program prepares

participants to deliver client-centered support, navigate complex systems, and improve service outcomes.

The GRYD Office respectfully requests authority to negotiate and execute a request for proposal (RFP) contract to provide case management training to Community Based Organizations. Said contract is in conformance with the pro forma contract attached to this transmittal, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, for a performance period of eight (8) months effective from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. The GRYD Office will obtain contract approval from the City Attorney's Office.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

The additional grant funding will also be utilized to fund six (6) positions, as they will conduct additional program related activities. There are: two Deputy Directors, one Senior Accountant, two Program Managers, one Contract Specialist, and one Accountant.

The following GRYD staff will be required to implement the JJCPA grant:

1) Deputy Director of Grants	
@55.00%, $9,404.63 x 9 months	$46,552.92
2) Regional Program Manager	
@ 50.00%, $7,542.12 x 9 months	$33,939.53
3) Senior Accountant	
@48.72857%, $7,542.12 x 9 months	$33,076.49
4) Juvenile Justice and Community Care Manager	
@50.00%, $7,961.71 x 9 months	$35,827.71
5) Contract Specialist	
@90.00%, $7,349.14 x 9 months	$59,528.02
6) Accountant	
@40.00%, $7,349.14 x 9 months	$26,456.90

Fringe in the amount of $126,729.43 will be allocated to these positions, for a total salaries and benefits allocation of $362,111.00.

BUDGET

The following was submitted to Probation and approved by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). This grant allocates $2,400,000.00 to be expended over nine months.

Line Item	Grant Funds	Total
1. Salaries and Benefits	$362,111.00	$362,111.00
2. Services and Supplies	$0	$0
3. Professional Services	$0	$0
4. CBO Contract(s)	$1,637,889.00	$1,637,889.00
5. Indirect Costs	$0	$0
6. Fixed Assets / Equipment	$0	$0
7. Evaluation/Data Collection	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
8. Other (Travel, Training, etc.)	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
Total per Year	**$2,400,000.00**	**$2,400,000.00**

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS THEREFORE requested that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or her designee, to accept the Juvenile Re-Entry Program award in the amount of up to $2,400,000, for the agreement period of October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award;

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or her designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with five (5) community-based organizations to provide Juvenile Re-entry Services in the City of Los Angeles, for a term of 9 months within the performance period of the grant, in a total amount not to exceed $1,637,889.00 subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;

3. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or her designee, to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) to provide data collection, analysis and reports, database management and progress evaluation, for the period of for a term of 9 months within the performance period of the grant, in a total amount not to exceed $200,000.00, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;

4. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or her designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with one (1) community-based organizations to provide trainings in the City of Los Angeles, for a term of 9 months within the performance period of the grant, in a total amount not to exceed $200,000.00 subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with City contracting requirements;

5. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:

   Establish a new fund entitled 26-27 JJCPA. Recognize a receivable in the amount of $2,400,000.00 within the 26-27 JJCPA grant, Fund XXX, Department 46; expend funds upon presentation and proper demand from the Mayor, or designee, and establish appropriation accounts as follows:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT TITLE	AMOUNT
46E146	Mayor	$235,381.57
46E299	Related Costs	$126,729.43
46E304	Contractual Svcs	$2,037,889.00
	TOTAL	**$2,400,000.00**

6. **INSTRUCT** the Controller to transfer up to $235,381.57 from Fund XXX, Account 46E146 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Account 001020 for reimbursement of grant-funded personnel salaries;

7. **INSTRUCT** the Controller to transfer up to $126,729.43 from Fund XXX, Account 46E299 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Account 5346 for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;

8. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or her designee, to prepare Controller instructions 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,

Karen Bass

KAREN BASS
Mayor

Attachments:

MOU between the County and City of Los Angeles

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT
AND
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FOR
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA)
GANG REDUCTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into this **28th day of September, 2026**, between the County of Los Angeles Probation Department, hereinafter referred to as County, and the City of Los Angeles Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), hereinafter referred to as Agency.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County has established the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Program to reduce crime, by promoting and providing services to at- promise (formerly at-risk) youth and their families, including aftercare services, for those youth exiting Probation camps located within Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Chief Probation Officer to enter into agreements with agencies to provide services consistent with the JJCPA Program;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the County entered into an MOU with Agency for FY 2020-2021 to support the GRYD Reentry and Healing Circles programming with JJCPA funds from the County ;

WHEREAS, the parties subsequently entered into MOUs for one (1) year periods for operation of the GRYD Reentry and Healing Circles Program for fiscal years 2021/2022 through FY 2025-2026;

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to continue the GRYD Reentry and Healing Circles Program for fiscal year 2026/2027 through the use of JJCPA funds from County ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth and the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties agree as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to provide GRYD services, aimed at both reducing gang-related crime and promoting prosocial decisions and behaviors among young people, within communities of the City of Los Angeles that contain the highest concentrations of gang activity. These gang prevention and intervention services are provided to those gang-involved individuals who are exiting Probation Camps and returning to their communities in Los Angeles. Additionally, GRYD services include in-custody healing circles for Probation Camp youth.

The primary goals of GRYD services are to decrease a youth's gang identity and involvement in violence and recidivism; transfer the youth's attachment from gangs to positive activities/pro-social connections, and support both the reunification of the youth with their family and the reintegration of the youth back into their home environment.

II. TERM

The term of this MOU shall commence upon its execution date and continue through June 30, 2027. Any additional renewals commencing after July 1, 2027, will be subject to approval by both County and Agency.

III. FUNDING

The Agency shall receive funds from County in the amount of Two Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Dollars ($2,400,000) and an unspent funds balance, to be used for GRYD services as detailed in the Budget (Attachment A). Any changes to the Budget require the signed written approval of both parties.

IV. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Subject to JJCPA Funding, the Agency will provide gang prevention and intervention services for those gang-involved youth who are exiting Probation Camps, as well as for the following services:

- Conduct a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select CBOs that will implement and deliver GRYD Reentry Services.

- Receive service referrals from County, assess for GRYD eligibility and enrollment, and process referrals for program services (Re-Entry Family Case Management or FCM Services).

- Work with County to deliver program services to referred youth and their families for an estimated six to nine months. This will include meeting with the youth pre-release (one meeting for a minimum of 30 minutes), assisting the family with their needs (one meeting for a minimum of 45 minutes), planning a welcome home reception, and beginning coordination of post-release services with County (one team meeting for a minimum of 20 minutes).

- Provide County with GRYD Re-Entry Family Case Management (FCM) Services information for utilization in the Camp transition process.

- Participate in the youth's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings prior to Camp release.

- Work with County to assist the youth post-Camp release; help facilitate family engagement, and administer a tool to assess the degree of youth embeddedness in gangs.

- Work with the youth on a strength-based Genogram, connect participants to prosocial activities, and plan a celebration for the youth and family to acknowledge the youth's post-Camp release progress.

- Complete the following:

    - Participate in multi-disciplinary team meetings coordinated by the Department for eligible youth (referrals to GRYD catchment area)

    - Conduct two monthly individual meetings with the youth (minimum 30 minutes each)

    - Conduct one monthly family meeting (minimum 30 minutes)

    - Conduct one monthly team meeting with DPO (minimum 20 minutes)

    - Conduct GRYD partnership meeting/trainings with Agency and DPO

    - Conduct GRYD reassessment 6 months after the first administration and plan for youth transition celebration from the program.

<u>In-custody healing circles for Probation Camp youth</u>:

- Administer and facilitate in-custody healing circles for youth in Probation Camps

- Work through the County to coordinate sessions and share information regarding community dynamics, public safety, youth interpersonal relationships, etc.

- The Agency shall identify a GRYD Program Manager who will serve as the point person for contacts with County (regarding operations, budget/budget modifications, fiscal and MOU).

<u>Data Collection</u>

- Agency shall collaborate with County to collect, and report required data elements as well as evaluate quality and performance indicators and outcomes at the program level. Should there be a change in Federal, State, and/or County policies/regulations, County, at its sole discretion, may amend these performance-based criteria via an amendment to this MOU.

- Required JJCPA data collection shall include the monthly submission of the following on all youth served; for the last month of the Fiscal Year, 2026-27, data must be submitted no later than July 15, 2027, and all data must be submitted via email to: PROBJJCPAAdmin@probation.lacounty.gov

    - Participant data by identified timeframes shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- Program Start Date
- Program End Date
- Age
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender/Gender Identity
- Zip Code of Residence

- At the end of the Fiscal Year, the status of each participant:
  - If the participant completed the program, then the date of completion.
  - If participant is still in progress to complete the program
  - If the participant Did Not Complete, then the date the participant exited the program and the reason for exit.

- Additional JJCPA data collection may be required from the Agency in order to adequately assess program effectiveness at reducing juvenile crime and delinquency.

- An additional 1-3 data elements may be required in order to adequately assess each Grantee's program effectiveness at reducing juvenile crime and delinquency (as finalized with the JJCPA Evaluator).

- For the last month of the Fiscal Year, 2026-27, the data will be due no later than July 15, 2027.

- The Agency shall identify a Program Manager who will serve as the point person for contracts with County (regarding operations, budget/budget modifications, fiscal and MOU)

V. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County agrees, as resources allow, to:

For GRYD services for gang-involved youth exiting Probation Camps:

- Serve as the youth's primary case manager.

- Where applicable to the youth's case plan, refer youth to GRYD services; all referrals shall be made by County.

- Participate in meetings/events, orientation trainings with Agency.

For in-custody healing circles for Probation Camp youth:

- Ensure Agency and its designated subcontractor have access to juvenile camp facilities to perform contractual duties, including the facilitation of weekly healing circles and family case management services.

- Provide safe and adequate space(s) in designated juvenile detention camps to support the successful facilitation of weekly healing circles.

- Permit identified youth to consistently participate in weekly healing circles, unless Los Angeles County Department of Probation safety policies prohibit participation.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

County and Agency shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information relating to juvenile participants under this MOU. This shall be in accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) provisions, as well as all other applicable State and County laws, ordinances, regulations, and directives relating to confidentiality. County and Agency shall inform all their managers, supervisors, employees, and contractor providers providing services hereunder, of the confidentiality provision of this MOU.

In no case shall records or information pertaining to participants be disclosed to any person, except designated County and Agency employees without the written permission of a Probation Director, or other authorized representative.

VII. FISCAL PROVISIONS

County shall make payments to Agency for services rendered pursuant to this MOU. Such payments shall be made from JJCPA funds and Board approved County funds. Payment terms are as follows:

- Agency shall submit Departmental invoices monthly that comply with Auditor-Controller guidelines. Expenditures must correspond to the JJCPA budget approved by the State. Changes to the budget require the signed, written approval of both parties.

- Departmental invoices with supporting documentation should be submitted no later than the 25th of the following service month to:

Claudia Valenzuela
Budget & Fiscal Services
Probation Department
9150 East Imperial Highway, Room, P-73
Downey, CA 90242
Phone: (562) 940-2680
Fax: (562) 940-2459
mail: Claudia.Valenzuela@probation.lacounty.gov

- If an audit of the program covered in this MOU identifies and disallows ineligible costs, Agency shall reimburse County in the amount of the over payment.

- Estimated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 expenditures for each month must be emailed to the following address: ProbJJCPAAdmin@parobation.lacounty.gov.

VIII. LIABILITY

Each of the parties to this MOU is a public entity. In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities, solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement is defined by Section 895 of said Code, the parties hereto, as between themselves, pursuant to the authorization contained in Section 895.4 and 895.6 of said Code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it or upon any of its officers, agents, or employees by law, for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this MOU, to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said Code. To achieve the above-stated purpose, each party indemnifies and holds harmless the other party solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The provision of Section 2778 of the California Civil Code is made a part hereto as if fully set forth herein. Agency and County certifies that it has adequate self-insured retention of funds to meet any obligation arising from this MOU.

IX. BACKGROUND AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

The County shall be responsible for ongoing implementation and monitoring of the following Paragraphs XI. 1 through XI. 7 listed below. Agency shall promptly report, in writing, any issues of compliance with this section.

1. No personnel employed by Agency for the Program, having access to County information or records, shall have a criminal conviction record or pending criminal trial(s) unless such information has been fully disclosed and employment of the employee for this program is approved in writing by County.

2. County reserves the right to conduct a background investigation of Agency's prospective employees prior to employment or assignment to duties under this MOU and further reserves the right to conduct a background investigation of Agency's employees at any time and to bar such employees from working on the MOU under appropriate circumstances.

3. County reserves the right, at the County's sole discretion, to preclude Agency from employment or continued employment of any individual services under this MOU.

4. No personnel employed by Agency for this project shall be on active probation or parole currently, or within the last three (3) years.

5. Agency and its employees shall be under a continuing obligation to disclose to County any prior or subsequent criminal conviction record or any pending criminal trial.

6. Agency shall be responsible for conducting background investigations on Agency contractors/subcontractors and will provide a list of cleared individuals to the Program Manager prior to the employee starting work on this MOU. Probation's Program Manager will notify the Background Investigation Unit of

cleared individuals, but reserves the right to conduct a background investigation of Agency's employees, contractors/subcontractors at any time. **Agency's employees shall not begin work on this MOU before receiving written notification of clearance from Probation's Program Manager.**

7. Because County is charged by the State for checking the criminal records Agency's employees, County will bill Agency to recover these expenses, if required. The current amount is forty-nine dollars ($49.00) per record check which is subject to change by the State.

X. SUSPENSION

Either party may suspend all or part of the project operations for failure by the other to comply with the terms and conditions of this MOU by giving written notice to the other party, which shall be effective upon receipt.

- Said notice shall set forth the specific conditions of non-compliance and shall provide a reasonable period for corrective action.

XI. TERMINATION

This MOU may be terminated at any time, without cost, by either party upon giving at least a thirty (30) days prior written notice thereof to the other party. This MOU may be terminated if funding becomes unavailable.

XII. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may only be amended by the mutual written consent of both parties. Neither verbal agreements, nor conversation, by any officers, employees and/or representatives of either party shall affect or modify any of the terms and conditions of this MOU.

Any change to the terms of this MOU, including those affecting the responsibilities of the parties and/or the rate and/or method of compensation, shall be incorporated into this MOU by a written amendment that is properly executed by both parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County of Los Angeles and Agency have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf by their authorized representatives, the day, month and year first above written. The person signing on behalf of Agency warrants he or she is authorized to bind Agency, and attests under penalty of perjury to the truth and authenticity of representations made and documents submitted and incorporated as part of this MOU.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By _____
GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

9/28/26
Date

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Deputy Mayor of Office of
Community Safety –
Gang Reduction and Youth
Development

9-17-2026
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN HARRISON
COUNTY COUNSEL

By Jason C Carnevale
JASON C. CARNEVALE
SENIOR DEPUTY
COUNTY COUNSEL

Program: Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act
Contractor: City of Los Angeles- Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth
Project: Los Angeles Juvenile Reentry Partnership
Contract Period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Budget PY 25-26	2026-27 Budget Awarded
Direct Expenditures	
Operating Costs - Direct	
LA Juvenile Reentry Partnership	$ 1,637,889
Total Operating Costs - Direct	$ 1,637,889
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES	$1,637,889
Indirect Expenditures	$0.00
Personnel Costs - Indirect	
Salaries & Fringe	$362,111.00
Total Personnel Costs - Indirect	$362,111.00
Operating Costs - Indirect	
Data Collection, Management, and	$400,000
Total Operating Costs - Indirect	$400,000
TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENDITURES	$762,111
GRAND TOTAL	$2,400,000