

Detention Project - DSA

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I. GRANT DESCRIPTION.

- A. **Description.** Detention Project is a Discretionary State Aid (DSA) grant created to comply with Human Resources Code Section 223.001(c). Juvenile justice service that is either created or provided in a pre-adjudication facility is meant to improve a region's ability to serve youth locally, improve outcomes, and maintain public safety.
- B. **Goal.** The goal of the Detention Project grant is to ensure pre-adjudication services are available to:
1. maintain public safety;
 2. provide regional access to pre-adjudication services; and
 3. support pre-court case requirements and evaluations.
- C. **Objective.** The objective of the Detention Project grant is to increase the availability of pre-adjudication services to juvenile probation departments.
- D. **Target Population.** Juveniles appropriate for participation in a Detention Project grant-funded program are those who have been referred to a juvenile court and ordered to be detained in a pre-adjudication facility.

II. GRANT-SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS.

- A. **Detention Reimbursement Project.** A detention project where TJJD reimburses pre-adjudication placement expenses for juveniles remaining in detention after commitment to TJJD.
- B. **Detention Expansion Project.** A detention project where additional beds are made available for pre-adjudication placements due to funded operational costs.
- C. **Detention Enhanced Project.** A detention project where bed space has been enhanced by an additional program or service.

III. PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS.

- A. **Eligibility Requirements.** Grantee shall ensure that each juvenile enrolled in the grant-funded program meets the characteristics of the target population and the grant specific definition.
- B. **Documentation.**
1. Documentation concerning programs shall be maintained online where specified, as well as by Grantee, is subject to review by TJJD during on-site visits or upon request, and shall include:
 - a. date, time, and duration (expected length of stay) of service;
 - b. location of service; and
 - c. number of juveniles served and service days.
 2. Grantee shall open a detention record in Grantee's individual case management system for each juvenile who is placed in an detention expansion project and shall document the placement facility, daily rate, and appropriate funding source in the record. Grantee shall close out the juvenile's placement record once the juvenile is discharged.
- C. **Performance.** Performance measures are captured by TJJD each fiscal year and will be used to determine continued funding.
1. **Detention Reimbursement Project.**

Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:

 - number of juveniles served; and

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- cost per juvenile served.

2. Detention Expansion Project.

Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:

- number of new beds brought online;
- number of additional service days:
 - felony referrals;
 - misdemeanor referrals;
- number of juveniles entering service;
- average daily population of new beds brought online;
- average length of stay of the new beds brought online; and
- number of juveniles placed in service from same region.

D. Reporting. No later than October 1 of each year, the Grantee shall complete an end-of-year report in a format specified by TJJD. The report shall include the percentage of achievement toward identified program output goals for the previous fiscal year.

IV. FINANCIAL COMPONENTS

A. Requests for Reimbursement

- Requests.** Grantee may request reimbursement for services upon TJJD notification of eligibility.
 - Grantee shall submit a Detention Reimbursement Request with each request for reimbursement.
 - Grantee shall submit any reimbursement request no later than the 20th day of the month following the month in which the juvenile was placed.
- Approval and Payment.** Grantee shall ensure that payments received from TJJD as reimbursement for allowable expenditures under this Grant are credited to Grantee's account(s) from which the expenditures were made and are designated for the same purposes for which the expended funds were otherwise designated.

B. Financial Assurances.

Grantee makes the following assurances. See Also General Grant Requirements.

- All programmatic and financial data reported to TJJD is true, verifiable, and accurate and is reconciled/in agreement with Grantee's internal records.
- The amount of funds received is reconciled with Grantee's request for reimbursement and unearned funds are refunded to TJJD.

V. CONTRACT APPLICABILITY.

Grantee shall be bound by the duties, responsibilities, and requirements of each part of the State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract. If a provision contained in the General Grant Requirements of that Contract conflicts with a provision in this Targeted Grant, the Targeted Grant provision controls.