

## JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT

### PROGRAM PURPOSE AREAS

The purpose of the JABG Program is to provide states and units of local government with funds to develop programs to strengthen their juvenile justice systems. Funds are available for the following 17 purpose areas:

- Purpose Area 1:** Developing, implementing, and administering graduated sanctions for juvenile offenders;
- Purpose Area 2:** Building, expanding, renovating, or operating temporary or permanent juvenile corrections, detention, or community corrections facilities;
- Purpose Area 3:** Hiring juvenile court judges, probation officers, and court-appointed defenders and special advocates, and funding pretrial services (including mental health screening and assessment) for juvenile offenders, to promote the effective and expeditious administration of the juvenile justice system;
- Purpose Area 4:** Hiring additional prosecutors, so that more cases involving violent juvenile offenders can be prosecuted and case backlogs reduced;
- Purpose Area 5:** Providing funding to enable prosecutors to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems more effectively and for technology, equipment, and training to assist prosecutors in identifying and expediting the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders;
- Purpose Area 6:** Establishing and maintaining training programs for law enforcement and other court personnel with respect to preventing and controlling juvenile crime;
- Purpose Area 7:** Establishing juvenile gun courts for the prosecution and adjudication of juvenile firearms offenders;
- Purpose Area 8:** Establishing drug court programs for juvenile offenders that provide continuing judicial supervision over juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems and the integrated administration of other sanctions and services for such offenders;
- Purpose Area 9:** Establishing and maintaining a system of juvenile records designed to promote public safety;

- Purpose Area 10:** Establishing and maintaining interagency information-sharing programs that enable the juvenile and criminal justice systems, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious delinquent or criminal acts;
- Purpose Area 11:** Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among juveniles who are referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies;
- Purpose Area 12:** Establishing and maintaining programs to conduct risk and need assessments of juvenile offenders that facilitate the effective early intervention and the provision of comprehensive services, including mental health screening and treatment and substance abuse testing and treatment to such offenders;
- Purpose Area 13:** Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs that are designed to enhance school safety;
- Purpose Area 14:** Establishing and maintaining restorative justice programs;
- Purpose Area 15:** Establishing and maintaining programs to enable juvenile courts and juvenile probation officers to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offenders accountable and reducing recidivism; and
- Purpose Area 16:** Hiring detention and corrections personnel and establishing and maintaining training programs for such personnel to improve facility practices and programming.
- Purpose Area 17<sup>4</sup> :** Establishing, improving, and coordinating prerelease and postrelease systems and programs to facilitate the successful reentry of juvenile offenders from state or local custody in the community.

<sup>4</sup> This purpose area was added in 2006 and can be found at 42 U.S.C. §3796ee (b)(17).