

FUND SOURCE DESCRIPTIONS

Below are specific details related to the federal and state fund sources administered by CJD. Each of these fund sources comes with its own set of unique federal or state program requirements which may limit how and to whom funds can be disbursed.

STATE FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FUND (421)

This fund is collected from court costs and fees in Texas. Prior to 2012, CJD was appropriated \$23 - \$28 million per year. The 82nd Legislature reduced the appropriation for FYs 2012-2013 to just over \$9 million annually; however authority to use unexpended balances from previous years was granted. Fund 421 is the most flexible of the CJD funding sources. It may be used for a variety of criminal justice, juvenile justice, and victim services projects. Of these funds, about \$8 - \$10 million is dedicated to local programs recommended for funding by the Regional Councils of Governments in Texas. CJD also uses a portion of these funds to support Drug Court programs across the state, law enforcement training academies and other special initiatives.

Eligible Criminal Justice Activities: Data Information Sharing, Drug Courts, Equipment Purchases, Gangs, Investigations, Prosecution, Reentry of Offenders into Communities, and Training for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel.

Eligible Juvenile Justice Activities: Alternatives to Detention, Community Assessment Centers, Court Services, Data Information Sharing, Delinquency Prevention, Diversion, Gangs, Jail Removal, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Sex Offender Programs, Mentoring, Professional Therapy and Counseling, Prosecution, Reentry of Offenders into the Community, Removal of Juvenile Status Offenders from Secure Facilities, School Based Delinquency Prevention, Services to Children of Incarcerated Parents, Substance Abuse, Training, Youth Advocacy, and Teen Courts.

Eligible Victim Services Activities: Crisis Services, Forensic Interviews, Legal Advocacy, Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Case Coordination, Peer Support Groups, Training and Technology, Professional Therapy and Counseling, Protective Order Assistance, Public Presentations, Shelter, and Victim – Offender Meetings.

COUNTY ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The Texas Legislature appropriates the County Essential Services funds to CJD to provide emergency funding for counties who are experiencing unanticipated expenses related to criminal justice activities, especially expenses related to capital murder cases.

Eligible Activities: Equipment Purchases, Essential County Services, and Extraordinary Costs Associated with Prosecuting Capital Cases.

DRUG COURTS

Funding for Drug Courts in Texas is derived through court costs imposed on defendants who are convicted of drug and alcohol intoxication offenses. A substantial portion of the court cost is retained at the local jurisdiction solely for the development and maintenance of future drug court programs. The Legislature appropriates the remaining funds to CJD to administer the Drug Court program. Drug court participants undergo an intensive regimen of substance abuse and mental health treatment, case management, drug testing, and probation supervision while reporting to regularly scheduled status hearings before a judge with specialized expertise in the drug court model.

Eligible Activities: Drug Courts.

OPERATORS AND CHAUFFEURS ACCOUNT

The legislature appropriated \$6 million over the biennium to CJD to support border prosecution efforts including.

Eligible Activities: Prosecution

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The legislature appropriated \$1.6 million over the biennium to CJD for the purpose of preventing and stopping internet crimes against children. Priority shall be given to supporting the activities of qualifying Internet Crime Against Children Task Forces recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice, located within a city with a population greater than 1,000,000 people, as determined by the 2010 U.S. Census, and existing in the state as of June 1, 2013.

Eligible Activities: Investigation

CRIME STOPPERS ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund is collected from state court costs and fees and supports local certified Crime Stoppers programs to help establish or expand their organizations.

Eligible Activities: Hotline Operations, Equipment, and Training.

FEDERAL FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION:

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG)

The Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) promotes greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The state retains 25% of the funds and passes through 75% to cities and counties. Funds have been made available to cities and counties using a formula that is based on each local government's percentage of the state's law enforcement expenditures and Part I violent offenses as reported in the Uniform Crime Reporting System maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board coordinates with CJD to set funding priorities for the 25% in discretionary funds retained by the state.

Eligible Activities: Accountability, Corrections, Court Staffing and Pretrial Services, Data Information / Sharing Systems, Juvenile Drug Courts, Graduated or Progressive Sanctions, Juvenile Gun Courts, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Records Systems, Prosecution, Reentry of Offender into the Community, Restitution / Community Service, Risk and Needs Assessment

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (JJDP) ACT

The JJDP Act provides Texas with an annual formula grant from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The JJDP Act has two parts. Title II, the largest, is for a broad array of prevention and intervention projects and services. Title V is for local programs to implement projects as a result of comprehensive plans developed by local communities. The projects must target risk factors that lead to delinquency.

Eligible Activities: Alternatives to Detention, Community Assessment Centers, Court Services, Data Information Sharing Systems, Delinquency Prevention, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Diversion, Juvenile Drug Courts, Gangs, Jail Removal, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Sex Offender Programs, Mentoring, Professional Therapy and Counseling, Reentry of Offenders into the Community, Removal of Juvenile Status Offenders from Secure Facilities, School Based Delinquency Prevention, Services to Children of Incarcerated Parents, Substance Abuse, Training and Technology, Youth Advocacy, and Teen Courts.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS (JAG)

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program is an annual formula grant to Texas from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of this fund source is to support state and local agencies in preventing and reducing violent crime.

Eligible Activities: Border Initiatives, Court Programs, Data/Information Sharing Systems, Drug Courts, Equipment Purchases, Gangs, Investigation, Prosecution, Substance Abuse, Training, and Technology.

COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCES

The Coverdell Forensic Sciences program is awarded to CJD through the National Institute of Justice. The purpose of the program is to improve the quality, timeliness and credibility of forensic science and medical examiner services for criminal justice purposes. Projects may use this funding to update or upgrade laboratory and computer equipment and for costs associated with forensic science or medical examiner personnel for overtime, fellowships, visiting scientists, interns, consultants or contracted staff in order to reduce case backlogs.

Eligible Activities: Equipment Purchases and Investigation.

BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. BVP reimburses law enforcement agencies up to 50% of body armor costs. The program has both a direct to locals and State Administering Agency component. CJD administers the state agency and public university/college awards. Local law enforcement agencies apply directly to the federal government.

Eligible Activities: Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests.

STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP)

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The program funds reimbursements to prisons incarcerating individuals who are in the US illegally. The program has a direct to locals and a State Administering Agency component. CJD is the State Administering Agency for Texas and passes the funds directly to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Eligible Activities: Prison Reimbursement Costs for Illegal Immigrants.

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT)

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program is an annual grant to Texas from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance used to treat chronic substance abusers who are incarcerated in adult and juvenile detention and correctional facilities. Eligible applicants include state agencies and counties operating residential detention or correctional facilities and community supervision and corrections departments operating community corrections facilities. Applicants who receive grants may provide services directly in correctional facilities that they operate or they may contract with qualified service providers who meet all licensing and certification requirements. Projects are required to give priority to inmates who have six to 12 months remaining in their confinement so they can be released from prison instead of returning to the general prison population after completing the program.

Eligible Activities: Substance Abuse Treatment.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)

This federal fund is from court fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. As a result, the funding is not stable and varies from year to year. For example, the FY 2011 award totaled \$32 million, with \$31 million and \$27 million in previous years. The purpose of this fund is to provide direct services to victims of crime. Services are defined as efforts that: a) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; b) assist victims in stabilizing their lives after a victimization; c) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and d) provide victims with a measure of safety.

Eligible Activities: Crisis Services, Forensic Interviews, Legal Advocacy, Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Case Coordination, Peer Support Groups, Professional Therapy and Counseling, Protective Order Assistance, Shelter, and Victim – Offender Meetings

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This federal fund is also known as the S.T.O.P. Program (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors). Its purpose is to develop and implement coordinated, multidisciplinary approaches to addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes committed against women. States are required under the Federal Violence Against Women Act of 2005 to dedicate 30% of the annual funding for non-profit, non-governmental services providers, 25% for prosecution, 25% for law enforcement, and 5% for court programs. The remaining 15% is considered discretionary funding.

Eligible Activities: Court Services, Crisis Services, Forensic Interviews, Investigations, Legal Advocacy, Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Case Coordination, Peer Support Groups, Training and Technology, Professional Therapy and Counseling, Prosecution, Protective Order Assistance, Public Presentations, Shelter, and Victim-Offender Meetings.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM (SASP)

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) is an annual award to Texas from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. The purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

Eligible Activities: Crisis Services, Support Groups, and Professional Therapy and Counseling.