

## Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) program is a state-administered federal funding stream that provides funding to counties to reduce juvenile crime and improve outcomes for [justice-involved youth](#) through seventeen types of accountability-based programs enumerated by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).<sup>1</sup> These accountability-based programs may include coordinating re-entry systems and programs for justice-involved youth, developing and implementing alternative court and restorative justice programs, maintaining school safety and gang-prevention programs, and more.<sup>2</sup>

State funding amounts are determined by local criminal justice expenditures and the level of violent crime. 75% of the federal funding must go to eligible local units of government (e.g., counties). Local government must pay a 10% match on all JABG expenditures except in the case of construction of juvenile corrections facilities, which requires a 50% match. States and local units of government must have advisory boards to carry out the granting process.

While JABG was originally a fairly robust funding source with an authorization of \$249 million dollars in 2002, it has subsequently dwindled. No federal funding has been allocated to JABG since 2014.<sup>3</sup> To date, there continue to be attempts to reauthorize JABG on the federal level.<sup>4</sup>

### More Information

BSCC Grant Funded Programs – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)

[http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_cppgrantfundedprograms.php](http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_cppgrantfundedprograms.php)

OJJDP Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program (JABG)

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/jabg/>

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<sup>1</sup> Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, *Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program – Program Purpose Areas*, <https://www.ojjdp.gov/jabg/purpose.html>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> For more information, see Coalition for Juvenile Justice, *Protecting Our Children and Communities: The Essential Role of Funding Under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act* (2017), at 6, 10 <http://www.juvjustice.org/sites/default/files/resource-files/JJDPFPA%20Funding%20Final.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> The 2017 effort is the Tiffany Johnson Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2017 (H.R. 68), available at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/68>.