

The 17 JABG Purpose Areas – Funds Must be Spent in One or More of these Purpose Areas

The goal of the JABG Program is to reduce juvenile offending through accountability-based programs focused on juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system. To meet that goal and strengthen the juvenile justice system, recipients of JABG funds must assure that their activities are in one of the below 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 correction, detention, or community correction facilities.

Purpose area 3: Hiring juvenile court judges, probation officers, and court-appointed defenders and special advocates, and funding pre-trial 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 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 adjudication and prosecution of juvenile firearms offenders.

Purpose area 8: Establishing drug court 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 system, 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 needs assessment 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.

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: Establishing, improving, and coordinating pre-release and post-release systems and programs to facilitate the successful re-entry of juvenile offenders from state and local custody in the community.