

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL



Thursday, July 23, 2026, 3:30 P.M.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT
Multipurpose Rehabilitation Center, Classroom 2
333 The City Drive South
Orange, California

DANIEL HERNANDEZ, Chair
Probation

JACOB DEGRAVE
Public Defender

AMIR EL-FARRA
Local Law Enforcement

VERONICA KELLEY
Health Care Agency, Mental Health

ED LEE
Business Representative

KIRSTEN MONTELEONE
Sheriff-Coroner

VICENTE SARMIENTO
Orange County Board of Supervisors

NATI ALVARADO
Juvenile Social Services Organization Rep.

MELISSA DEL RIO
Juvenile Court Representative

VACANT
Community Based Drug & Alcohol Rep.

VACANT
At Large Community Representative

MARIA MARTINEZ-POULIN
Education Representative

VERONICA RODRIGUEZ
Social Services Agency

TODD SPITZER
District Attorney

ATTENDANCE: Members Alvarado, El-Farra, Hernandez, Martinez-Poulin, Monteleone, Sarmiento, Spitzer, Nicolalde (Alternate for DeGrave), Sanchez (Alternate for Del Rio), Smith (Alternate for Kelley) and Tran (Alternate for Rodriguez)

EXCUSED: Members DeGrave, Del Rio, Kelley, Lee and Rodriguez

COUNTY COUNSEL: Annie Loo, Deputy

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL: Jamie Ross & Sonia Acuna, Deputy Clerks

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: (Items 1 - 5)

1. Welcome and Introductions

CHAIR HERNANDEZ CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

2. Approve recommendation to Board of Supervisors to appoint Laura Marcum to Community Based Drug & Alcohol Representative position, two-year term; and direct County Executive Office to work with Chairman's office for submission to Board of Supervisors for final approval
ON THE MOTION OF MEMBER SARMIENTO, SECONDED BY MEMBER MONTELEONE, ITEM WAS APPROVED

Ayes: Alvarado, El-Farra, Hernandez, Martinez-Poulin, Monteleone, Sarmiento, Spitzer, Nicolalde (Alternate for DeGrave), Sanchez (Alternate for Del Rio), Smith (Alternate for Kelley) and Tran (Alternate for Rodriguez)

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MEMBERS SPITZER AND SARMIENTO REQUESTED A DISCUSSION, AT A FUTURE MEETING, TO DEVELOP A PROCESS REGARDING VACANT POSITIONS AND TO DETERMINE IF A POSITION IS HARD TO FILL

3. Receive and file JJCC Coordinator update on estimated FY 2025-26 remaining funds
RECEIVED

4. a. Discussion and approval of District Attorney request of ongoing and continuous funds for Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) program
ON THE MOTION OF MEMBER HERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPITZER, ITEM WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED TO REMOVE THE WORDS "ONGOING AND CONTINUOUS"

Ayes: Alvarado, El-Farra, Hernandez, Martinez-Poulin, Monteleone, Spitzer, Nicolalde (Alternate for DeGrave), Sanchez (Alternate for Del Rio), Smith (Alternate for Kelley) and Tran (Alternate for Rodriguez)

Excused: DeGrave, Del Rio, Kelley, Lee and Rodriguez

Abstained: Sarmiento

- b. Discussion and approval of amendment to JJCPA Annual Plan to fund GRIP
ON THE MOTION OF MEMBER HERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINEZ-POULIN, ITEM WAS APPROVED

Ayes: Alvarado, El-Farra, Hernandez, Martinez-Poulin, Monteleone, Sarmiento, Spitzer, Nicolalde (Alternate for DeGrave), Sanchez (Alternate for Del Rio), Smith (Alternate for Kelley) and Tran (Alternate for Rodriguez)

Excused: DeGrave, Del Rio, Kelley, Lee and Rodriguez

CEO TO RETURN 10/22/26, 3:30 P.M., REGULAR MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED JJCPA ANNUAL PLAN

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5. Discussion and approval of 2026 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding opportunity from unspent funds
ON THE MOTION OF MEMBER HERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPITZER, OPTION A WAS SELECTED
Ayes: Alvarado, El-Farra, Hernandez, Martinez-Poulin, Monteleone, Sarmiento, Spitzer, Nicolalde (Alternate for DeGrave), Sanchez (Alternate for Del Rio), Smith (Alternate for Kelley) and Tran (Alternate for Rodriguez)
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PUBLIC & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Member Monteleone – Oral Re.: Orange County’s SMART Team was asked to make a presentation in Washington, DC at an intelligence conference. Impressed with what they are doing by keeping schools safe.

ADJOURNED: 5:43 P.M.

/s/

DANIEL HERNANDEZ
Chair

/s/

Jamie Ross, Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Council

May 18, 2026

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
400 W. Civic Center Dr., 6th Floor
Santa Ana, California 92701



Dear Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Representative on the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

For nearly 20 years, my work has focused on youth development, prevention, and early intervention. In my current role as CEO of Project Youth OC, I lead an organization that serves approximately 1,500 youth and family members annually through juvenile diversion, substance use prevention, college and career access, and parent enrichment programs.

I am interested in joining the Council because substance use prevention is central to effective juvenile justice work. For many young people, alcohol, marijuana, vaping, and other substance use concerns are connected to stress, peer influence, school disconnection, family conflict, mental health needs, and limited access to supportive adults. Addressing these issues early can help prevent deeper justice system involvement.

Project Youth OC's work sits directly at this intersection. Through our Shortstop juvenile diversion program, we support youth by addressing both the incident that brought them to us and the factors beneath it. Our model includes substance use prevention education, family engagement, legal education, case management, restorative communication, and connection to positive school and career pathways.

As a Council member, I would bring the perspective of a community-based provider with direct experience serving youth and families across Orange County. I understand the importance of public safety, accountability, and early intervention strategies that reduce recidivism while helping young people build stability and make healthier choices. At Project Youth OC, 91% of youth served through our diversion work do not reoffend, and we continue to expand partnerships with schools, cities, and justice system partners to reach youth earlier.

I would be honored to contribute to the Council's work and support a coordinated juvenile justice plan that strengthens prevention, expands community-based support, and helps young people move forward with accountability and opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Marcum
Chief Executive Officer





APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

Return to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
400 W. Civic Center Dr., 6th Floor
Santa Ana, California 92701
Email: response@cob.oc.gov
Website: <https://cob.oc.gov/>

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(FOR COUNTY USE ONLY)

Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee for which you desire consideration and attach a resume. For information or assistance, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Office at (714) 834-2206. Please print in ink or type.

NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP. SEE LIST AT

<https://cob.oc.gov/boards-commissions-committees/bcc-name-list-and-contact-information>

Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Community Based Drug & Alcohol Rep

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third ☐ Fourth ☒ Fifth

APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

Laura

First Name

Juanita

Middle Name

Marcum

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Street Address

Costa Mesa CA

City

State

[REDACTED]

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email Address

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Project Youth OC

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: Chief Executive Officer

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

☒ **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Please attach a resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. **A RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES: ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: United States

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN: CA

LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.

<u>ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY</u>	<u>FROM (MO./YR.)</u>	<u>TO (MO./YR.)</u>
Prop47 Local Advisory Committee Member	March 2025	Current
Association of Fundraising Professionals (affiliation PYOC)	Jan 2017	Current
Orange County Grantmakers Committee Member	Jan 2024	Jan 2026

WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)? ☒ YES ☐ NO

DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? ☐ YES ☒ NO

HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

Please see attached.

DATE: May 18, 2026 APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: 

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: _____	Received by: _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Date referred: _____	
To: ☐ BOS District 1 ☐ BOS District 2 ☐ BOS District 3 ☐ BOS District 4 ☐ BOS District 5	
☐ All BOS ☐ BCC Contact Person Name _____	

Laura Marcum

Nonprofit Executive | Youth Development, Prevention & Community Impact

ABOUT

C-Level Executive with nearly 20 years of experience in establishing strategic relationships, mentoring and mobilizing high-performing teams, directing multi-million dollar projects and building scalable and inventive plans that drive results. A visionary leader, a relentless doer, fueled by a passion to create social equity and economic mobility through proactive philanthropy and human connection.

EXPERIENCE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Project Youth OC — *Santa Ana, CA*
June 2024 – Present

Leads the strategic direction, financial sustainability, external positioning, and organizational growth of a 55-year-old youth-serving nonprofit providing juvenile diversion, prevention-based programming, college and career access, and family-centered support. Partners with the Board of Directors, justice system leaders, school districts, funders, and community organizations to strengthen Project Youth OC's role as a trusted resource for young people and families at critical turning points.

- Leads an organization serving approximately 1,500 youth, parents, and community members annually, with diversion outcomes reflecting a 91% non-recidivism rate.
- Implemented the organization's first formal strategic plan, aligning programs, operations, fundraising, board engagement, and external positioning around a clearer path for growth.
- Advanced a prevention-first model that integrates diversion, substance use prevention, family engagement, accountability, and long-term youth development.
- Expanded Project Youth OC's reach through new partnerships with Anaheim Union High School District and the City of Brea as part of the organization's North County expansion strategy.
- Drove significant private revenue growth from 2023 to 2025, including 140% growth in individual giving, 50% growth in event revenue, and record-breaking results across all major fundraising events.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire - *Santa Ana, CA*
July 2022 - June 2024

Responsible for driving operational excellence, advancing a culture of fiscal responsibility and continued process evaluation and improvement to ensure the long term scalability and sustainability of the agency. Directly supervises the VP of People & Culture (functional HR, talent acquisition, learning & development), the VP of Impact & Research (grants department, evaluation, data and outcomes), the Office Operations department (including IT), 2 Senior Program Directors, and serves as the Managing Director of the Riverside office. Responsible for producing results, reducing the bottom line and delivering high quality, high impact Programs across 3-counties, 6+ program tracks through the leadership of 85 staff members.

- Grew the number of youth impacted by 26% YOY in 2023.
- Designed 3 new programs in 2023, built recruitment and brand strategies in response to evolving community needs of mental health, workforce development, and 1st-gen educational preparedness.
- Directed a multi-million, multi-year Grant winning strategy resulting in first-time gifts from the SAMHSA and the Department of Labor.
- Created a series of CSAT surveys to gauge volunteer Bigs engagement – achieving a volunteer engagement score of 90%+.
- Developed a measurement system from high level team goals and KPIs to individual goals and KPIs. In the process of co-leading the organization's first formal strategic plan.
- Renovated the People & Culture department with a focus on a more consistent and inclusive talent acquisition strategy, a renewed Learning & Development strategy and a data-driven approach to staff engagement - reduced turnover to 3% and won OCBJ's "Best Places to Work" in 2023.
- Identified cost-effective technology solutions and provided necessary training to increase staff performance and adoption – integrated AI into daily workflow, implemented new cloud-based phone system (Dialpad), mass text messaging system (SimpleText) and project management tool (Asana), used FormAssembly to eliminate all paper processing - saving an average of 48 work days annually.

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire

Jun 2020 - July 2022

Responsible for leading a team of 60, appointed mid-pandemic as the first Vice President to oversee program services in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino territories. Head of the Program Committee, a group of Governing Board Members responsible for the compliance and effectiveness of the program department.

- Spearheaded the first partnership with the LGBTQ+ Center of OC to recruit and support queer mentors and youth, increased LGBTQ+ recruitment by 15%.
- Led the agency-wide "Virtual Friendships" initiative, a programmatic rebrand in response to social distancing, maximizing technology for mentor-mentee connections.
- Directed the program innovation and change management process for expanding our horizon of service to mentor youth up to age 24.
- Assessed and revamped all job descriptions, led a department reorg, improved the program budget and goal projections process.

VP OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire

August 2015 - June 2020

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Led a 5 person external affairs team focused on revenue generation and volunteer recruitment. Responsible for the fundraising and execution for over 50 events per year, recruited over 350 long term volunteer mentors annually. Led Event Committees consisting of Board Members, corporate volunteers and donors for the Golf Tournament, Bowl for Kids' Sake and Volunteer Recruitment.

- Increased corporate giving by 9% YOY (\$400k+).

- In partnership with our CEO, the team tripled the agency's overall revenue through private and corporate investors - from \$2m to \$8.2m in 5 years.
- Launched the first "Women in the Workplace" gender equity program with global investment firm PIMCO for \$25k.
- Secured the first workforce development partnership with Disneyland Resort for \$90k in 2017.
- Directed the most successful Golf Tournament in agency history, first time in OCBJ's Top 5 Charity Golf Tournaments, \$234,000 net in 2017.
- Secured the agency's largest unrestricted corporate gift from Mazda, a regional gift benefitting San Diego, Ventura, Los Angeles and OCIE totalling nearly \$500k over 2 years.
- Formed the highest grossing third-party event partnership with BrewHaHa Productions resulting in \$50k annually.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire
October 2013 - August 2015

Managed all development operations, event support, donation management and accounting, donor stewardship. Led the migration to a Salesforce CRM and donation database. Developed a year-long stewardship strategy including a donor newsletter and annual donor appreciation event. Formed "BIG IMPACT", a young professionals fundraising committee.

CORPORATE RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Alzheimer's Orange County - Irvine, CA
Feb 2013 - Oct 2013

Expanded visibility and enhanced Alzheimer's awareness within Orange County's corporate community. Successfully identified funding sources and fostered event sponsorships, increasing revenue, secured first gift from United Healthcare at \$5k.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Girls Inc. of Orange County - Costa Mesa, CA
Feb 2009 - Feb 2013

Worked directly with the VP of Program and the Grants writer to streamline communication processes and systems between the program and revenue generating teams. Managed all funding projects from application to final report phase and aided in the implementation of a \$5m gift. Directed community events to drive volunteer engagement and family enrollment.

AWARDS

Outstanding Changemaker: Issued by Orange County Grantmakers, October 2023

40 Under 40 Award: Issued by Greater Irvine Chamber, September 2024

Women of the Year: Issued by Congressman Lou Correa, May 2025

Kickass Women of the Year: Issued by Orange Coast Magazine, March 2026

Differencemakers Small Nonprofit Person of the Year: Issued by Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, April 2026

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara
Bachelors of Arts, Sociology

**JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA)
FY 2025-26 FUNDING SUMMARY**

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	FY 2025-26 Approved Budget NOTE 1	FY 2025-26 Adjusted Budget (May Revise)	FY 2025-26 Total Year-End Estimates
Carryover Funds from Prior Year	871,554	4,385,322	4,364,708
Allocation for FY 2025-26	17,256,829	17,623,856	17,360,349
JJCPA Funding Opportunities Allocations NOTE 2		(2,603,656)	(2,603,656)
Total Beginning Available Balance	18,128,383	19,405,522	19,121,401
Programs Approved for Funding:			
Substance Use Programming	5,159,315	5,048,769	5,157,627
Juvenile Recovery Court	967,647	898,417	752,095
Decentralized Intake/Sheriff's Prevention	448,396	448,396	448,396
Truancy Response	880,793	899,316	848,256
School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team - North & South	3,661,848	3,661,848	3,290,807
Youth Reporting Centers	5,597,657	5,880,354	5,774,552
Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement	433,953	340,137	352,083
Administrative Costs (0.5%)	86,284	86,284	48,697
Total Funding for Programs	17,235,892	17,263,520	16,672,512
Total Ending Available Balance	892,491	2,142,002	2,448,889

Totals may not foot due to rounding.

	FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget (May Revise)	Total Year-End Estimates
Probation	9,926,983.00	10,479,682	10,479,682
Health Care Agency	2,041,668.85	1,488,970	1,485,997
Public Defender	95,000.00	95,000	59,602
District Attorney	864,419.00	864,419	733,647
Sheriff	3,780,868.00	3,780,868	3,424,218
OC Dept of Education	440,670.00	440,670	440,670
Administrative Cost	86,284.00	86,284	48,697
Total	17,235,892.85	17,235,893	16,672,512

NOTE 1: On 2/27/25, the OCJJCC approved the FY 2025-26 JJCPA budget and for County Budget and Finance Office to make adjustments between the programs as needed to maximize funding.

NOTE 2: Amount includes unspent portion of 2024 & 2025 JJCPA Funding Opportunity allocations due to timing differences. The JJCPA funding opportunity is approved per calendar year instead of fiscal year.



Backup Material
District Attorney Request for \$1,174,294
for Ongoing OC GRIP Funding

MEETING DATE: 07/23/26
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: OC Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): ADA Shannon Back (714) 397-4490

SUBJECT: Discussion and approval of District Attorney request of ongoing and continuous funds for Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP) crime prevention program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the District Attorney's request to provide OC GRIP, a 501(c)(3) with continuous ongoing annual funding in the amount of \$1,174,294.

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested to provide ongoing, annual funding in the amount of \$1,174,294 to OC GRIP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to support the salaries and benefits of OCDA staff and Waymakers staff assigned to the program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that supports the initiatives of the GRIP program in the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA). OC GRIP's mission is to prevent children from joining criminal street gangs and engaging in other destructive behaviors, while providing support to students who are struggling with academics, attendance, and/or behavior. Since 2007, OC GRIP has provided more than 20,000 at-risk Orange County children with invaluable support to help them succeed in school and in life.

The OCDA OC GRIP program, led by OCDA, serves multiple cities and schools throughout Orange County. OC GRIP law enforcement partners currently include the Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, and police agencies including Santa Ana, Orange, Westminster, Garden Grove and Buena Park. GRIP also collaborates with community partners, including several Orange County school districts, the Orange County Department of Education, and local businesses. OC GRIP also provides educational opportunities to parents and faculty at participating GRIP schools.

In 2025-26 GRIP provided services to 48 GRIP 1 schools and 14 GRIP 2 schools. Without additional funding GRIP is only able to provide services to 32 GRIP 1 schools and 14 GRIP 2 schools.

Early interventions not only directly support individual youth and families in Orange County but also save the County millions of dollars in future costs. GRIP reports measurable outcomes each year and consistently meets or exceeds industry standards. In FY 2025-26, GRIP provided intensive case

management services to 439 participants, conducted 2,772 student intervention meetings, and connected students and families with 1,392 resource referrals, achieving an 89% linkage rate. During that same fiscal year, GRIP achieved the following outcomes:

- 84% of youth reported an increase in resiliency, as measured by pre-post results using the Youth Resiliency Survey.
- 99% of youth participants reported an increase in self-esteem and overall well-being, as reported on the year-end GRIP Satisfaction Survey.
- 72% of parent participants reported an increase in family functioning, as measured by pre-post results using the Protective Factors Survey.
- 76% of assessed youth participants improved in their grade reports.
- 68% of assessed youth participants improved in their school attendance.
- 99% of GRIP school faculty reported an improved ability to identify and assist/refer students in need of early intervention services as reported on the GRIP Faculty Survey.

As part of the County of Orange budgetary process for FY 2026-2027, each County Department was required to identify all discretionary programs, which for the District Attorney's Office were OC GRIP and DNA database collection. Due to County of Orange budget constraints, the Board of Supervisors was unable to fund both DNA Collection and OC GRIP. However, each County Supervisor, during the County's budget hearings, publicly expressed support for the program and encouraged the District Attorney to pursue alternative funding sources, including JJCC, which is the impetus of this request. District Attorney Spitzer also requested funding from the OC GRIP Foundation Board of Directors in order to pay for items which cannot be covered by public funding, including gift cards which are awarded to students for improved behavior, grades, and attendance, and providing Thanksgiving dinners for students and their families as rewards for excellence.

If GRIP continues to operate at the current reduced level supported solely through Foundation funding, the 501(c)(3) will be depleted approximately 3 ½ years after the current fiscal year.

The District Attorney is requesting ongoing and continuous funding in the amount of \$1,174,294 to support the salary and benefits of OC GRIP staff. With those employees, listed below, GRIP would be able to provide services to eight schools at the GRIP 1 level which would not otherwise receive those services, as well as six schools at the GRIP 2 level, that would not otherwise receive those services.

This Backup Material for Agenda Item 4 was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Annie Loo.

OCDA Staff	Total Salary & Benefits
Waymaker Case Manager	\$98,260
DDA IV	\$324,384
DAI	\$375,825
DAI	\$375,825
Total Salary & Benefits	\$1,174,294

Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP)



Better Grades, Increased School
Attendance, and Improved Behavior



Early Intervention by the Numbers

**Vanderbilt University Law School and Economics: New Evidence on the Monetary Value of Saving a High-Risk Youth, December 2007.*



Every career criminal costs our communities nearly **\$5.7 million over their lifetime**

Early interventions targeting high-risk kids not only saves kids from a life of crime – it saves Orange County millions of dollars.

**And that just makes sense
– and dollars and cents.**

Not all GRIP
functions can be
funded by taxpayer
dollars

GRIP Foundation is a 501(c)(3)

Students who have improvement in behavior, attendance, and grades earn gift cards – and those have to be paid for by non-taxpayer dollars.

Students also earn gift cards to buy complete Thanksgiving dinners for their families that are paid for with non-taxpayer funds.

2025-2026 Measurable Outcomes

84% of youth participants report an increase in resiliency
- the Youth Resiliency Survey

99% of youth participants report an increase in self-esteem and overall well-being
- Year-end GRIP Satisfaction Survey

72% of parent participants report an increase in family functioning
- the Protective Factors Survey

76% of assessed youth participants improved in their grade reports.

68% of assessed youth participants improved in their school attendance.

99% of GRIP school faculty report improved ability to identify and assist/refer students in need of early intervention services.



OC GRIP 1 Schools 2026-2027 Before Loss of Funding (48)

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Magnolia

1. Salk
2. Walter
3. Pyles
4. Peter Marshall
5. Disney

BPSD

1. Buena Park
2. Gilbert
3. Whitaker
4. Beatty
5. Pendleton

FSD

1. Maple
2. Woodcrest
3. Valencia Park
4. Nicolas

OUSD

1. California
2. Handy
3. Jordan
4. Yorba
5. Santiago
6. Portola
7. Taft
8. Esplanade
9. Fairhaven

WSD

1. Finley
2. Johnson
3. Warner
4. Hayden
5. Webber

GGUSD

1. Russell
2. Newhope
3. Heritage
4. Hazard
5. Rosita
6. Fitz
7. Clinton
8. Doig
9. Riverdale
10. Alamitos
11. Wakeham
12. Lawrence
13. Walton

PYLUSD

1. Topaz
2. Melrose
3. Ruby
4. Rio Vista

NMUSD

1. Sonora
2. Whittier
3. Rea

OC GRIP 2 Schools 2026-2027 Before Loss of Funding (14)

Magnolia

1. TBD School

BPSD

FSD

OUSD

1. Sycamore
2. Cambridge
3. Lampson
4. Prospect
5. TBD School

Centralia

1. Danbrook
2. San Marino
3. Raymond Temple

GGUSD

1. Eisenhower
2. Parkview
3. Bryant
4. Faylane

PYLUSD

1. Morse

NMUSD

OC GRIP 1 Schools 2026-2027 with Current Funding (32)

Item 4

Magnolia	BPSD	FSD	OUSD	WSD	GGUSD	PYLUSD	NMUSD
1. Salk 2. Walter 3. Pyles 4. Peter Marshall 5. Disney	1. Buena Park 2. Gilbert 3. Whitaker 4. Beatty 5. Pendleton	1. Maple 2. Woodcrest 3. Valencia 4. Nicolas Park	1. California 2. Handy 3. Jordan 4. Yorba 5. Santiago 6. Portola 7. Taft 8. Esplanade 9. Fairhaven	1. Finley 2. Johnson 3. Warner 4. Hayden 5. Webber	1. Russell 2. Newhope 3. Heritage 4. Hazard 5. Rosita 6. Fitz 7. Clinton 8. Doig 9. Riverdale 10. Alamitos 11. Wakeham 12. Lawrence 13. Walton	1. Topaz 2. Melrose 3. Ruby 4. Rio Vista	1. Sonora 2. Whittier 3. Rea

Red GRIP 1 schools moved to GRIP 2

OC GRIP 2 Schools 2026-2027 with Current Funding (14)

Magnolia	BPSD	FSD	OUSD	Centralia	GGUSD	PYLUSD	NMUSD
1. TBD School		1. Maple 2. Woodcrest 3. Valencia Park	1. Sycamore 2. Cambridge 3. Lampson 4. Prospect 5. TBD School	1. Danbrook 2. San Marino 3. Raymond Temple	1. Eisenhower 2. Parkview 3. Bryant 4. Faylane	1. Morse 2. Topaz 3. Melrose 4. Ruby 5. Rio Vista	

OC GRIP 1 Schools 2026-2027 **with Additional Funding (40)**

Item 4

Magnolia

1. ~~Salk~~
2. ~~Walter~~
3. ~~Pyles~~
4. ~~Peter Marshall~~
5. ~~Disney~~

BPSD

1. Buena Park
2. Gilbert
3. Whitaker
4. Beatty
5. Pendleton

FSD

1. Maple
2. Woodcrest
3. Valencia Park
4. Nicolas

OUSD

1. California
2. Handy
3. Jordan
4. Yorba
5. Santiago
6. Portola
7. Taft
8. Esplanade
9. Fairhaven

WSD

1. Finley
2. Johnson
3. Warner
4. Hayden
5. Webber

GGUSD

1. Russell
2. Newhope
3. Heritage
4. Hazard
5. Rosita
6. Fitz
7. Clinton
8. Doig
9. Riverdale
10. Alamitos
11. Wakeham
12. Lawrence
13. Walton

PYLUSD

1. Topaz
2. Melrose
3. Ruby
4. Rio Vista

NMUSD

1. ~~Sonora~~
2. ~~Whittier~~
3. ~~Rea~~

Red GRIP 1 schools moved to GRIP 2
Yellow: schools added with additional JJCC funding

OC GRIP 2 Schools 2026-2027 **with Additional Funding (13)**

Magnolia

BPSD

FSD

OUSD

1. Sycamore
2. Cambridge
3. Lampson
4. Prospect
5. TBD School

Centralia

1. Danbrook
2. San Marino
3. Raymond Temple

GGUSD

1. Eisenhower
2. Parkview
3. Bryant
4. Faylane

PYLUSD

1. Morse

NMUSD



Sending OC GRIP Kids on Their Way to Success

2025 Funding Opportunity Extension	Contract Period Jan-Dec 2026	Option A (June 2027)
Award Recipient	Award Amount	Extend for 6 Months
Carpenter Training Partners Inc	\$ 213,072	\$ 106,536
Cell Dogs, Inc. ⁽²⁾	146,320	
Waymakers ^{(1) (2)}	225,000	
The Prism Way	189,100	94,550
Orange County Bar Foundation dba Project Youth OC	224,939	112,470
Project Kinship	225,000	112,500
Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (HIRE)	207,610	103,805
Casa Youth Shelter	225,000	112,500
Orange County Department of Education	225,000	112,500
Total	\$ 1,881,041	\$ 754,861
Estimated FY 2025-26 Carryover Balance		2,448,889
Estimated Remaining Balance		1,694,029

Notes:

(1) Contract approved for FY 2026-27

(2) Contracts do not need a 6 month renewal. Cell's Dog has a contract in place with Probation and Waymakers is already in a Fiscal Year basis

Timeline for Option A:

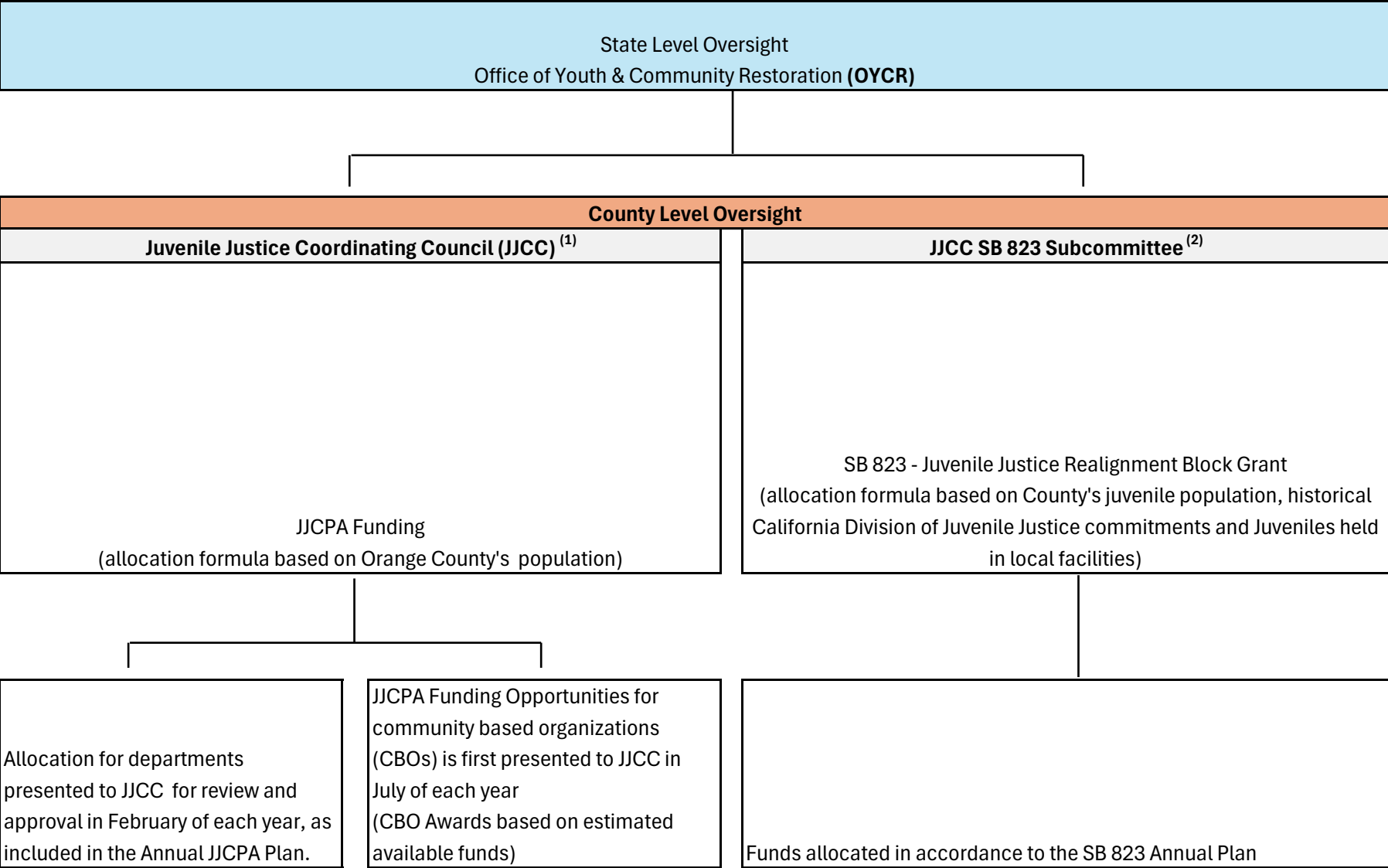
1. Upon approval, work with CPO on 2025 Funding Opportunity contract renewals
2. October 2026, start the process for the FY 2027-28 Funding Opportunity by presenting to the Council JJCPA remaining allocation available
3. November 2026, open the FY 2027-28 Funding Opportunity application process
4. February 2027, present recommendations to the Council for approval
5. March- May 2027, work with County Counsel & CPO to establish contracts and present ASR to the Board for approval
6. Contracts term July 1, 2027 ~ June 30, 2028

2026 New Funding Opportunity	Option B (January 2027 - June 2028)
Recommendations	Contracts Term 18 Months
Estimated FY 2025-26 Carryover Balance	\$ 2,448,889
Funding Opportunity Total Amount	1,500,000
Up to Award Amount per Contract	250,000
Estimated Remaining Balance	\$ 948,889

Timeline for Option B:

1. August 2026, Open 2026 Funding Opportunity application process and establish review committee
2. September 2026, applications review process
3. October 2026, present recommendations to the Council
4. November 2026, work with CPO & County Council to establish contracts and prepare ASR for approval in December 2026
5. December 2026, present ASR to the Board for contracts approval
6. Contracts term January 2027 ~ June 30, 2028

JJCPA & SB 823 Funding



Notes:

- (1) JJCPA funding allocation and oversight rests with the JJCC.
- (2) SB 823 allocation is managed under the full responsibility of the Probation Department, who leads implementation, oversees the design and operations of Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs), community-based services, and case supervision.

2025 Funding Opportunity Extension	Contract Period Jan-Dec 2026	Option A (June 2027)
Award Recipient	Award Amount	Extend for 6 Months
Carpenter Training Partners Inc	\$ 213,072	\$ 106,536
Cell Dogs, Inc. ⁽²⁾	146,320	
Waymakers ^{(1) (2)}	225,000	
The Prism Way	189,100	94,550
Orange County Bar Foundation dba Project Youth OC	224,939	112,470
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Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (HIRE)	207,610	103,805
Casa Youth Shelter	225,000	112,500
Orange County Department of Education	225,000	112,500
Total	\$ 1,881,041	\$ 754,861
Estimated FY 2025-26 Carryover Balance		2,448,889
Funding Opportunity Option A		754,861
OCDA Funding Request for OC GRIP (Item 4)	-	1,174,294
Estimated Remaining Balance		\$ 519,735

Notes:

(1) Contract approved for FY 2026-27

(2) Contracts do not need a 6 month renewal. Cell's Dog has a contract in place with Probation and Waymakers is already in a Fiscal Year basis

Timeline for Option A:

1. Upon approval, work with CPO on 2025 Funding Opportunity contract extensions
2. October 2026, start the process for the FY 2027-28 Funding Opportunity by presenting to the Council JJCPA remaining allocation available
3. November 2026, open the FY 2027-28 Funding Opportunity application process
4. February 2027, present recommendations to the Council for approval
5. March- May 2027, work with County Counsel & CPO to establish contracts and present ASR to the Board for approval
6. Contracts term July 1, 2027 ~ June 30, 2028

2026 New Funding Opportunity	Option B (January 2027 - June 2028)
Recommendations	Contracts Term 18 Months
Estimated FY 2025-26 Carryover Balance	\$ 2,448,889
Funding Opportunity Total Amount	1,500,000
Up to Award Amount per Contract	250,000
Estimated Remaining Balance	948,889
Estimated FY 2025-26 Carryover Balance	\$ 2,448,889
Funding Opportunity Option B	1,500,000
OCDA Funding Request for OC GRIP (Item 4)	1,174,294
Estimated Remaining Balance	\$ (225,405)

Timeline for Option B:

1. August 2026, Open 2026 Funding Opportunity application process and establish review committee
2. September 2026, applications review process
3. October 2026, present recommendations to the Counsel
4. November 2026, work with CPO & County Council to establish contracts and prepare ASR for approval in December 2026
5. December 2026, present ASR to the Board for contracts approval
6. Contracts term January 2027 ~ June 30, 2028