

County of Santa Clara

Memorandum



TO: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

FROM: Sheila E. Mitchell, Chief Probation Officer

DATE: December 9, 2005

SUBJECT: Federal Juvenile Justice Challenge Funding Fiscal Year 2005
Title II, Part E, Challenge – Aftercare Program

Overview

The federal funding, also known as the Challenge Activities Program, provided a total of \$1,755,908 statewide beginning on or before July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. On April 15, 2004, the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA - formerly known as the Board of Corrections) met and approved a proposed approach for distributing one-year federal Challenge funds. On May 17, 2004, CSA notified counties of available funds. The funding amount for Santa Clara County was \$83,074. On June 7, 2004, the JJCC reviewed and approved the activities and funding allocation and recommended that the County application be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors approved the application and resolution on June 22, 2004.

Activities to be funded by this grant were to include enhancement or expansion of existing JJCPA activities or a new program that meets at least one of the ten Challenge Activities Areas specified by the CSA that incorporate and support the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Strategy.

Of the five eligible JJCPA programs, the Aftercare program most fit the following activities:

- **ACTIVITY C** - Increasing community-based alternatives to incarceration by establishing programs (such as expanded use of probation, mediation, restitution, community service, treatment, home detention, intensive supervision, and electronic monitoring) and developing and adopting a set of objective criteria for the appropriate placement of juveniles in detention and secure confinement.
- **ACTIVITY I** - Increasing aftercare services for juveniles involved in the justice system by establishing programs and developing and adopting policies to provide comprehensive health, mental health, education, and vocational services and services that preserve and strengthen the families of such juveniles.

The funds for this grant have been utilized primarily to address the most challenging areas of the Community Based Aftercare Program. These challenges were identified by every person who is in contact with the Aftercare population and the Aftercare Steering Committee. The funds were used to enhance parent involvement, transportation and other barriers. Three of areas in which the funds were spent are parent training, transportation and an emergency fund. Transportation included two small hybrid vehicles, owned by the State and used by California Youth Outreach for use related to the Community Based Aftercare Program. Transportation also included bus passes. The emergency fund is for those youth who do not have the resources or means to obtain the basic needs such as school clothes, school supplies and other basic necessities.

In order to fully utilize the grant dollars, an extension on the Title II, Part E, Challenge Program was requested on June 13, 2005, and granted by the CSA up to September 30, 2005.