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Profile of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding: California

Federal Funding Overview:

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) serves as California's federally-mandated state advisory group (SAG). The SACJJDP blends state and federal funding streams to provide direct services and improve California's juvenile justice systems. State funds support county efforts to rehabilitate and supervise youthful offenders and to implement continuums of care. In turn, federal funds focus on system improvements geared toward best practices and creative innovations for service delivery. In short, state funds support what California does, while federal funds support how California does it.

This symbiotic relationship involves California's counties as well. Counties have the monumental task of serving hundreds of thousands of youth. California supports counties by providing state funds that support their programs. To secure federal and state funds, counties must often provide a match of local funds. In addition, California must provide a match of state funds before it ever receives federal funds. So, for any federal funds awarded, there will be both a state match and a local match. While leveraging funds this way is always prudent, it can be a double-edged sword – for SACJJDP systems that depend on this funding structure, a diminution of federal funding has a domino effect that results in similar decreases at the state and local levels. In a time of severe fiscal constraints, the state and localities generally lack the resources to compensate for shortfalls in federal funding. As a result, they respond by cutting essential programs and services.

Diminishing Funds:

The federal allocation of grant funding to California has decreased dramatically in recent years. Nationwide, during the 16 years that the JJDP Act went unauthorized, **federal juvenile justice funding decreased by nearly 48%**.¹ In FY10, the federal investment in California's juvenile justice system through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was \$11.5 million. Over the past eight years, this figure has dwindled to \$4,679,512, **reducing federal funding allocations by 59%**.

Formula & Block Grant
Funding FY10:
\$11.5 million

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Funding FY18*: \$4.7
million

**Decrease of 59% so far
this decade.**

*This number only includes Title II funds; JABG has been zeroed out & Title V funds have been earmarked

¹ Act4JJ. (2018). Juvenile Justice Federal Funding Chart. Retrieved from, <http://www.act4jj.org/sites/default/files/resource-files/Historic%20Funding%20Chart%20-%20FY19.pdf>

Federal Dollars in Action:

The SACJJDP currently works with 18 subgrantees who receive Title II funding to help transform California's juvenile justice system. For example, the Fresno County Probation Department received Title II funds to enhance its current reentry transition services by implementing the Planned ReEntry Program (PREP) project. With this funding, PREP plans to add two components to the department's recidivism reduction efforts: a social work element to support the development of individual, achievable reentry case plans and counseling to address coping skills and family issues; and a Parent Partner piece to provide both in-custody and post-custody support for families of targeted youth. The addition of the PREP project will provide for systematic and coordinated reentry support services for youth released from the Fresno County's Juvenile Justice Campus.

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