

FACT SHEET

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)



Authorization and Purpose

The U.S. House of Representatives passed and established the **Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant** Act in 1997. Funds were first appropriated by Congress in 1998. In 2002, the name was changed to the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), and the number and scope of purpose areas were expanded. JABG currently provides funding to states and communities to develop and implement programs that:

- Hold youth accountable for delinquent behavior through the imposition of graduated sanctions consistent with the severity of the offense; and
- Strengthen the juvenile justice system's capacity to work with community partners to keep youth from reoffending and also to increase its capacity to process cases quickly and efficiently, always keeping the best interest of the child in the forefront.

JABG funds can only be used for programs that address juvenile offenders who are in the juvenile system.

Administration

The U.S. Department of Justice, **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)** has oversight of this program at the federal level. The **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** has been designated by the Governor of Missouri to receive, manage, and administer the JABG funds in Missouri.

Eligible Applicants

The **federal government allocates 75% of the funding** to specific units of local government based on a formula that incorporates crime statistics and census figures. In Missouri, this is considered pass-through funding. A unit of local government must qualify for a minimum of \$10,000 under this allocation formula to receive a subgrant award. The **remaining 25% of the funding is awarded through a competitive bid basis** to public and private agencies.

Match Requirements

For construction projects, the cash match must be at least 50 percent of the total project cost. The cash match for all other types of projects must provide at least 10 percent of the total project cost.

Eligible Purpose Areas

The JABG funding must be allocated for programs that fall within the 17 purpose areas defined by Congress. These purpose areas encompass four types of activities: hiring staff, training staff, building infrastructure, and implementing direct service programs. The 17 purpose areas include the following.

1. Corrections/Detention Facilities
2. Court Staffing and Pretrial Services
3. Prosecutors (Staffing)
4. Prosecutors (Funding)
5. Training for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel
6. Juvenile Gun Courts
7. Juvenile Drug Courts
8. Juvenile Records Systems
9. Information Sharing
10. Accountability
11. Risk and Needs Assessment
12. School Safety
13. Restorative Justice
14. Juvenile Courts and Probation
15. Corrections/Detention Personnel
16. Re-Entry

Competitive Bid Process

The JABG funds are announced in April. **Applications are due by June 1.**

Pass-Through Funding

If eligible for pass-through funding, local government agencies are notified in April. Each local government agency must sign and return a Local Government Participation Form indicating that the agency plans to apply for the funds, waive the funds to another local pass-through recipient agency that serves youth in that area, or decline to participate. **An application must be submitted by June 1.**

Project Period

The JABG projects generally run from **October 1 through September 30** each year.

See the Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.mo.gov for more information.