

# City of Sacramento

## Legislation Text

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**Title:**

**Acceptance of the Board of State and Community Corrections - Youth Reinvestment Grant Award (2019-2023)**

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**Location:** Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to: 1) accept the Youth Reinvestment Grant in the amount of \$999,780 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); 2) establish the Youth Reinvestment Grant Project (G02001300); 3) establish revenue and expenditure budgets in G02001300 in the amount of \$999,780 (Operating Grant Fund, Fund 2702); and 4) establish the expenditure budget in G02001300 by transferring \$6,000 (General Fund, Fund 1001) from the Gang Prevention and Intervention Multi-year Operating Project (I02000600) for the City grant match.

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**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) awarded the City's Office of Violence Prevention \$999,780 in grant funding. These funds will be used to increase social-emotional learning supports for students with serious behavioral infractions, as a means to deter them from the juvenile justice system. The three components of the "Lifeline" program include: Mentoring, Mental Health Support, and Family Engagement.

The Lifeline program will serve at least 125 students in the Sacramento City Unified School District, ranging from grades 4 through 8.

The goals of the Lifeline program are the following:

- 1) To provide up to 18-months of wraparound services including social and emotional supports to all participants in the Lifeline program.
- 2) To decrease the disproportional suspension rates in the Sacramento school system.
- 3) To disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline in Sacramento.

The objectives of the Lifeline program are the following:

- 80% of enrolled participants will receive a comprehensive strength-based assessment, treatment plan, and supportive services including mentoring, mental health therapy, art enrichment and/or family support
- 80% of Lifeline participants will be involved in a Mentoring program
- 60% of Lifeline participants will experience a reduction of suspensions
- 80% of Lifeline participants will be diverted from entering or re-entering the juvenile justice system

Led and managed by the City of Sacramento's Office of Violence Prevention, the Lifeline program will partner with Success Academy, HAWK Institute, Rose Family Creative, Another Choice Another Chance, Sacramento County Office of Education, Sacramento County Department of Children, Family and Adult Services, and the Sacramento County Probation Department. These agencies will be part of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to help determine the best ways of delivering services to these students and their families.

The grant period is for three years and eight months, beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on February 28, 2023.

**Policy Considerations:** The acceptance of the grant award is consistent with the Mayor's priorities to Invest in Our Youth and to Strengthen Public Safety. City Council Resolution 2017-0246, Section 11, requires Council approval to accept grant funding if: 1) the grant award is equal to or greater than \$100,000; 2) the grant results in a change in the number of authorized FTE positions; and 3) matching funds are required from local resources.

**Economic Impacts:** Not applicable.

**Environmental Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Sustainability:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Success Academy, a community day school within the Sacramento City Unified School District, has the highest-suspension rates for African American boys in the state of California. Additionally, 93% of Success students are economically disadvantaged, and 95% live in households without a father. These students are also often the most disconnected from support programs and resources. Based on these facts, along with their academic and behavioral history, the students at Success Academy are at the highest-risk of falling into the juvenile justice system if adequate support is not provided.

County juvenile arrest data demonstrate that African American males outnumber any other racial group and is nearly three times that of White males for both felony offenses and violent felony offenses. Nearly 58% of African American students in SCUSC were suspended for violent incidents.

The Lifeline program is designed to divert youth away from the juvenile justice system and to disrupt the multi-generational cycle of violence that is often rooted in historical trauma and disinvestment.

**Financial Considerations:** Funding will be provided by the California Board of State and Community Corrections. The grant award is for the amount of \$999,780 and requires a 25% match, of which, \$6,000 is the City's portion. There is sufficient funding in the Gang Prevention and Intervention Multi-year operating project (I02000600) to transfer the \$6,000 (General Funds, Fund 1001) to the Youth Reinvestment Grant Project (G02001300). The other portion of the match will come from leveraged resources, primarily from contracted service providers and strategic partners, including Sacramento City Unified School District and Sacramento County Department of Children, Family and Adult Services. There is no current or future impact to the General Fund. The total project cost will be spread out over a period of three years and eight months.

The Office of Violence Prevention will manage all activities related to the fiscal and program outcomes of the project. Per requirements of the BSCC RFP 90% of the grant awards must go to non-governmental organizations for the provision of diversion services to minors. Remaining grant funds will be used for grant administration, project coordination and evaluation.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable.