



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute a waiver of direct receipt of the City of Long Beach's allocation of \$22,011 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program funds to Los Angeles County, for the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network Program, housed in Long Beach Juvenile Court, to divert first-time serious juvenile offenders from the court system through an intensive one-year program. (Citywide)

On June 1, 2004, the City Council, for the sixth consecutive year, approved a waiver of the direct receipt of City of Long Beach's allocation of federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program funds to the County of Los Angeles (County). This approval authorized the County to use those funds to continue the assignment of a Deputy District Attorney devoted to prosecuting crimes involving juveniles and gang members in Long Beach.

The City of Long Beach has received funding from the JABG program for a seventh year, administered by the State Board of Corrections. The allocation for the 2005-2006 . program year is \$22,011, which is significantly less than allocations from previous years (funding for 2004-2005 was \$136,129). The allocation must be expended on juvenile accountability in the criminal justice system.

The County has indicated a willingness to continue its partnership with the City of Long Beach under the JABG program; however, this year's allocation is not enough to enable the County to devote a Deputy District Attorney to solely prosecute juveniles and gang members in the City. Instead, the City will use its allocation of JABG program funds to provide funding to the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program administered by the County. The JOIN program is housed at the Long Beach Juvenile Court and diverts first-time serious juvenile offenders from the court system through an intensive, one-year program that includes restitution for the victim, community service, counseling for youth and parents, and monitored school attendance.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on June 2, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 1, 2005.

City Council action on this matter is requested on June 14, 2005, in order to meet the June 29, 2005 deadline for submission of the waiver to the County District Attorney's Office.

If approved, funding in the amount of \$22,011 will be awarded directly to the County District Attorney's Office.

Approve recommendation.

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