

## Q&A for Step-Down Grant Invitation

TO: COUNTY PROBATION CHIEFS

June 6, 2023

The California Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) issued an invitation on June 1, 2023, to Probation Chiefs to submit letters of interest for grants to support transitions from Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) to less restrictive programs. OYCR received a question regarding eligibility. The purpose of this letter is to share the question and the answer.

### QUESTION

- Is it a requirement that an eligible SYTF limit time in custody to one year?

### ANSWER

- No. The invitation asks interested counties to propose demonstrations of services and strategies *designed* to begin transitions to less restrictive programs for an identified cohort of youth within a year, but the invitation explicitly acknowledges that identification of youth for inclusion in the demonstration is dependent upon the individual youth's needs, and that such transitions are dependent upon the effectiveness of the services provided, an individual youth's successful engagement with the services, and upon the court's determination that the individual youth's transition is appropriate.