



Office of Youth and
Community Restoration

Less Restrictive Placement (LRP) Grant Invitation

OYCR intends to award another round of grants to county probation departments and community partners to demonstrate innovative approaches to assist youth in Secure Youth Treatment Facilities transition quickly to less restrictive programs (LRPs). Creation of the grant fund does not relieve counties of the responsibility to arrange transitions to community living from existing resources, rather it is to incent and test innovative concepts.

Proposals will be received and reviewed on a flow basis between October 1 and December 31, 2023, or until all available funds are committed if that occurs sooner.

Funds in the range of \$100,000 - \$200,000 per youth to be served will be provided for a 24-month period to support a combination of strategically targeted services to transition an identified population of youth from SYTF placement to the community, in stages through LRPs, and evaluate success. To evaluate the success of community-based care as part of the SYTF commitment, the county will have an SYTF program designed to prepare a youth to step into an LRP within one year of their commitment. OYCR recognizes that this decision to step a youth down to an LRP is an individualized decision depending on the youth's needs and is ultimately within the purview of the court; however, grantee counties will commit to implementing an SYTF program with the goal of getting the youth into an LRP as soon as appropriate, which should generally be no later than one year. The applicant must demonstrate that it is committed to supporting the development of meaningful LRP options with the full array of services that can support the success of young people. The bulk of the funding must be devoted to developing, expanding, or adapting community-based care options. Counties that do not run SYTFs are still eligible for this funding opportunity.

Technical assistance in program design, grant application, implementation and evaluation will be provided by OYCR and other specialists within the California Health and Human Services Agency.

The array of services to support youth transitions will include:

- 1) Coordination with community service providers through in-reach to help prepare youth for LRP transitions.
- 2) Community-based housing placement and case management with providers that have demonstrated success in engaging and retaining post carceral youth populations.
- 3) Community-based career development and education supports not already available from education resources.
- 4) Accessing community education resources such as Rising Scholars, Project Rebound, Underground Scholars, and PEP.
- 5) Income supports to the youth living in community and at home.
- 6) Linkage with workforce development partnerships in the community, the California Conservation Corps, and partnerships supported by the Department of Rehabilitation.

It is expected that these activities will be integrated with the applicant's implementation utilization of CalAIM Justice Involved services when that commences locally and that these grant funds will resource services not reimbursable by Medi-Cal.

County probation departments should submit letters of interest briefly describing the services expected to be provided to achieve LRP transitions in the timeframes desired, and the services to be provided to support successful community living. The letter should identify the number of youths to be served in the demonstration. The letter should identify the community providers that the county expects to collaborate and contract with to achieve the transitions, less restrictive programs, and community living.

Upon review of letters of interest, OYCR will invite selected counties to submit proposals and will provide technical assistance as needed to assist in full proposal development, including identifying possible partner CBOs.

Please submit letter of interest or questions to: oycr@chhs.ca.gov