

Judicial Council of California
RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUND GRANTS
Fiscal years 2014/15 to 2016/17

PRETRIAL PROGRAM AWARDS:

Superior Court of Alameda County was awarded \$592,270 under the Pretrial Programs category for the planning and implementation of an Early Intervention Court Process (EICP). The purpose of the EICP is to reduce recidivism by fundamentally reorganizing the way in which the court evaluates defendants and places them on collaborative court dockets. The EICP will achieve this by screening a much larger proportion of the defendant population for both risks and needs; creating an evidence-based, supervised pretrial release program linked to a continuum of supervision and treatment options; and expanding the collaborative court options available to defendants. The court expects RRF grant funding to enable a doubling of both the number of defendants who are screened for pretrial risk, and of the number of defendants who participate in Adult Drug Court. This would result in pretrial risk assessment of almost 3,000 misdemeanor and felony defendants each year and an active Adult Drug Court caseload of more than 120 at any point in time.

Superior Court of El Dorado County was awarded \$600,000 for planning and implementation of a pretrial supervision program. The program seeks to release defendants on their own recognizance, either with or without electronic monitoring and other terms and conditions, who pose a low risk of recidivism. The program seeks to make evidence-based decisions about releasing offenders pending adjudication, in hopes of engaging offenders at the earliest time possible, allowing defendants to maintain employment and other responsibilities, and ensuring defendants return to court. Approximately 100 persons will be served in the Pretrial Supervision Program.

Superior Court of Fresno County was awarded \$599,482 for the planning and implementation of a pretrial program. The program includes a customized electronic dashboard in order to bridge information systems to facilitate interagency coordination and communication. The dashboard will upload Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument scores and reports from the Probation Department.

Timely and centralized recidivism risk information will assist judges in making pretrial release decisions. There are two project numeric targets during the 10 months of implementation: upload Virginia scores for 1,000 felony defendants and conduct 600 searches for treatment slots open to high- and medium-risk felony offenders.

Superior Court of Imperial County was awarded \$378,041 in funding for the planning and implementation of a pretrial program. The intent is to purchase an automated system that is specifically designed for pretrial assessments, classification, case management, and supervision/reporting requirements. The automation of this information will bridge communication, improving transparency and data sharing between justice system partners, and will facilitate O/R releases on low-risk offenders at booking, allowing them to maintain employment and family ties. It is estimated that approximately 7,000 offenders per year will benefit from the program supported by this grant.

Superior Court of Lassen County was awarded \$318,509 for the planning and implementation of a pretrial services program. The purpose of the program is to reduce recidivism and increase public safety through implementing multiple components including a proven risk assessment tool to inform judicial officers of the needs and risks of offenders in making pretrial release and public safety impact decisions, utilization of electronic monitoring, community supervision, drug testing, implementation of “Changing Courses” program, and an automated court date reminder system. The county jail’s current pretrial population is approximately 42%. The projected number of participants for this program is 900 to 1000.

Superior Court of Monterey County was awarded \$338,754 for an enhancement grant project under the Pretrial Programs category. The program’s purpose is to enhance the existing Pretrial Services Program to improve, increase, and maximize the appropriate utilization of pretrial releases. The program will operate through a collaborative process involving criminal justice system stakeholders, and is composed of interconnected elements: analysis of the unsentenced population in county jail, analysis of the released population under the protocols currently used, analysis of possible alternatives to the pretrial assessment tool and tool utilization, design and implementation of an enhanced protocol for optimization of pretrial releases and pretrial supervision of eligible defendants, and program evaluation. Target populations for this program include: (1) pretrial jail population estimated at 700 daily on

average; (2) eligible adults booked into the county jail as a result of an arrest, estimated at 36 daily for pretrial assessment services; and (3) eligible clients for pretrial release and pretrial supervision for direct services.

Superior Court of Orange County was awarded \$600,000 in funding for the planning and implementation of a pretrial program. This is a collaborative effort to enhance pretrial release recommendations to the court that are based on assessed risk level and type, with a community supervision component to ensure program compliance and reduce risk to public safety. The purposes of the program are to assist judicial officers in making informed pretrial release decisions by providing relevant information and a validated assessment, and to provide the option to issue pretrial release orders with a community supervision component. The program will achieve these goals by establishing a multi-agency collaboration, designing and developing a pretrial program tailored for Orange County, conducting pretrial assessments for all eligible program participants, making pretrial release recommendations to the court based on risk level and type of risk, operating a community supervision component within the pretrial program to ensure compliance with pretrial release orders, and terminating noncompliant defendants from the pretrial program and returning them to custody promptly to minimize the risk to public safety. The target population includes in-custody defendants with felony charges who are awaiting their initial appearance in court. The projected total number of persons to be served by the 25-month grant project is 1,800.

Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County was awarded \$259,402 for the planning and implementation of a pretrial program in their early disposition arraignment courts. This program will combine the use of a validated risk and needs assessment tool to provide judges and lawyers with additional information to consider when making decisions concerning any need for pretrial supervision; a telephonic reminder to defendants in the felony arraignment court to increase the likelihood of appearances at hearings (and decreasing the number of warrants issued for failure to appear and decreasing the time to case resolution); and early assessments by behavioral health to educate decisions for potential referrals to the collaborative courts. It is estimated that 600 felony defendants per month may be served by this program.

Superior Court of Shasta County was awarded \$600,000 to plan and implement a Pretrial Supervised Own Recognizance (PTSOR) program. The program will identify detainees with a history of substance abuse, domestic violence, military service, and mental illness to make referrals for specialized services while out of custody. Each detainee will be assessed using a risk and needs assessment instrument and be personally interviewed by trained Probation staff. The target population of 100 will include moderate- to high-risk detainees in pretrial status, either before or after arraignment.

Superior Court of Solano County was awarded \$301,853 to plan and implement a new pretrial release program. The program objectives include: using a validated risk assessment tool to classify each eligible defendant as low, moderate, or high risk; assessing each defendant and providing the court with a report detailing assessment results prior to arraignment; court consideration of assessment results in pretrial release determinations; providing services and supervision earlier in the process to released defendants to ensure compliance; and collaboration to decrease duplication of services and to increase success of the Pretrial Release Program. The target population is all individuals detained and awaiting arraignment, subject to exclusionary criteria that include persons charged with any sex offense, persons having any hold(s) originating from another jurisdiction, and persons not eligible for pre-arraignment release by statute. The court estimates that 2,600–3,120 individuals will be eligible for screening each year, and approximately 5,200–6,240 individuals over the 25-month period.

Superior Court of Sonoma County was awarded \$599,991 for the planning and implementation of the Evidence-Based Pretrial Release and Supervision Program. The program is designed to implement the use of a locally developed and validated assessment tool, the Sonoma Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool, and to provide judicial officers with an evidence-based assessment report within 24 hours of arrest that includes recommendations, including the possibility of supervised release. The assessment tool will be used to identify those most likely to abscond or commit new offenses, which will aid the judicial officer in making informed decisions regarding the release decision and next steps. The target population is defendants charged with felonies and misdemeanors booked in county jail. The projected number of participants is 3,100 defendants charged with a felony and 4,000 defendants charged with a misdemeanor.

Superior Court of Yuba County was awarded \$293,686 for the planning and implementation of a pretrial release program. The target population for the program will be all persons booked into the county jail. All persons arrested and booked will be eligible for an initial screening. The court expects that approximately 2,400 people will be administered the risk assessment during the grant period and approximately 960 people will be served in the Pretrial Release Program under various conditions of release.

COLLABORATIVE COURT AWARDS:

Superior Court of Contra Costa County was awarded \$562,630 for the planning and implementation of a project to enhance the effectiveness of the Domestic Violence Collaborative Court (DV Court). Together, selected justice partners will identify and adapt a validated risk assessment instrument to be utilized in all cases where domestic violence is involved. The risk assessment tool will be employed post-conviction, and all cases (misdemeanor and felony) with moderate to high risk of recidivism will be referred to DV Court for sentencing, intensive monitoring, and treatment. The Court projects that the District Attorney's Office will assess approximately 330 offenders each year, and that approximately 35% of these offenders will be referred to DV Court. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, Batterer's Treatment program services, program evaluation consultant, and support services provider (as part of the DV Court continuum of services).

Superior Court of Kern County was awarded \$600,000 for the planning and implementation of a Collaborative Mental Health Court ("CMHC"). Persons eligible for participation in the CMHC would be offered services including mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, case management, and facilitation of application for housing, public benefits, transportation, and other appropriate services. The target population is medium to high risk mentally ill offenders who have pending felony criminal charges. The total annual program participants could be 2,700 when the CMHC is fully operational. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, a programmer for the case management system, NCSC consultant help with development of program policies and procedures, 2 mental health therapists, and 1 probationer officer.

Superior Court of Lake County was awarded \$439,613 for the planning and implementation of a Veterans Treatment Court. The target population is local veterans and active-duty service members who are moderate to high-risk felony offenders. The project prioritizes offenders with substance abuse-related offenses or histories and minor children. Both the total and project numbers to be served are 40. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, services of 1.0 FTE DPO and .20 FTE Veterans Services Officer, drug testing supplies, electronic monitoring, and incentives.

Superior Court of Los Angeles County was awarded \$417,970 to implement its “Court to College” program in collaboration with Cerritos Community College. The program will target approximately 100 first time felony offenders who are at moderate to high risk to recidivate. Funds will be used to support part time college counselors and other college staff who will be assisting participants in completing GEDs and/or enrolling in college courses. The program will offer educational opportunities, cognitive behavioral intervention, and substance abuse services. Participants will be monitored during court status hearings, by probation, and through academic counseling appointments. California Department of Justice, Division of Recidivism Reduction and Reentry (DR3) will assist with participant assessments and support program evaluation and data collection through site visits and program monitoring.

Superior Court of Mendocino County was awarded \$508,376 to enhance ongoing services and outcomes in the Adult Drug Court, serving moderate and high risk offenders. The target population for ADC is adults with non-violent felonies that have an identified substance use issue. The ADC Program currently serves a core group of 16 individuals. Additional funding will allow the Court to have an active core group of 32 participants resulting in an additional 105 adults being served during the grant period. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, ADC mentors, mental health therapists, a consultant for evaluation/data uploading/technical assistance, and incentives.

Superior Court of Merced County was awarded \$582,877 for the enhancement of the Mental Health Treatment Court and Re-Entry Program (MHTC). Eligible clients must have an Axis I mental health disorder, participate in required counseling and treatment, and be available to attend all court hearings. The projected number of persons served under the grant is 55 unduplicated individuals. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, incentives, Extra Help Mental Health Program Assistant and Clinician, residential treatment program, and sober living environment facilities for men and

women.

Superior Court of Modoc County was awarded \$342,021 for the enhancement of the Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADC). The STRONG risk and needs assessment is administered to all probationers and we target those who are at medium to high risk to reoffend. In the past five years beginning in 2009, an average of 15 offenders has entered the program annually. Normally about two thirds go into Prop 36 and a third into ADC but recently it has been half and half. By April 30, 2017, it is realistic to assume that 30 more participants will enter into the program and that 15 of those will be in ADC during the grant period. Expenses include court personnel and benefits, contracts with alcohol and drug residential treatment providers for inpatient programs and transitional housing, 1.5 FTE behavioral health case managers, and travel for drug court conferences.

Superior Court of Placer County was awarded \$214,666 to enhance their drug court, Proposition 36 court, veteran's court, and mental health court programs through the creation of a county-based Collaborative Court Coordinator position. This new position will allow for increased communication amongst justice partners, greater adherence to and sharing of best practices across programs, the improvement of data collection and tracking, as well as provide policy analysis and support for the programs. Additionally, this grant will create additional treatment slots, thereby expanding adherence to the CAIS assessment tool by more accurately placing collaborative court participants into the right level of care. This program has a broad target population of medium to high risk felony offenders with mental health and/or substance abuse issues, including veterans.

Superior Court of Sacramento County was awarded \$594,877 for the planning and implementation of a pilot, Co-occurring Mental Health Court (COMHC) program. The program will target moderate to high risk felony offenders, and at the earliest date possible, refer them for appropriate risk/needs assessment. The program will have the capacity to serve 20-30 participants at any given time and anticipates serving a total of 90 participants during the life of the grant. Expenses include inpatient/residential services, outpatient counseling, 0.5 FTE probation officer, 0.5 public defender, program evaluator, and travel for drug court conference.

Superior Court of San Diego County was awarded \$600,000 for the: 1) planning/ implementation of

Veterans Treatment Court; 2) enhancement of Mandatory Supervision Court; and 3) enhancement of Reentry Court. It is anticipated that the weekly calendars for Veterans Treatment Court will create an additional 2,000 to 3,500 court appearances per year (or 4,000 to 7,500 over the grant period). In addition, enhancements to Mandatory Supervision Court and Reentry Court will provide additional calendars serving an estimated 600 new participants over the grant period. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits (special projects manager, administrative analyst, and clerks for Veterans, BH, Mandatory Supervision, Reentry courts) and travel for drug court conferences.

Superior Court of San Francisco County was awarded \$597,937 in enhancement funds to implement a transitional housing program for high risk/high need mentally ill and substance addicted offenders in the County's leading adult programs: Behavioral Health Court (BHC); Adult Drug Court (DC); Intensive Supervision Court (ISC); and the Community Justice Center (CJC). Working with the Tenderloin Housing Clinic who will 'block rent' 16 single room occupancy housing units, this housing program will provide an average of 6 months (and a maximum of 12 months) of supported transitional housing to 80 collaborative court clients. Expenses include 16 transitional housing units, database development for BHC, Drug Court, ISC, and CJC, incentives, and consultants/contractors from Tenderloin Housing Clinic (housing services director, associate director of reentry, housing resource specialist).

Superior Court of San Joaquin County was awarded \$567,729 to enhance their Adult Criminal Collaborative Court programs which serve moderate and high-risk offenders in both Drug and DUI Courts. There has been an average of 115 people per year served through the Drug Court program over the past three years with an average of only 3 clients per year receiving new charges while in the program. Additionally, there has been an average of 1,163 people per year served through the DUI Court program over the past three years with an average of 1,087 people successfully completing the DUI monitoring program each year. The DUI recidivism rate in San Joaquin County over the last three years, for the clients who were successfully monitored through the program, is a mere 2.5% average. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, risk and need triage screening tool, drug testing supplies, incentives, residential treatment, outpatient counseling, sober living services, MFT counseling, program evaluation (NPC Research), and alcohol monitoring devices.

Superior Court of San Mateo County was awarded \$600,000 to enhance its existing collaborative court program. The County has approximately 4,100 supervised offenders who are within our target population who are on probation, or some form of mandatory supervision. Approximately 400, or 10% more, may qualify as candidates for one of the collaborative courts or benefit from court supervised social support services. If this grant request is funded, as an additional benefit, the Court will also be able to absorb a potential new caseload, under Laura's Law, within its existing Pathways Mental Health. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits (1.0 FTE courtroom clerk and 1.5 deputy court clerk), consultants/contractors (probation), travel for collaborative court conferences, and incentives.

Superior Court of Santa Clara County was awarded \$600,000 under the category of collaborative court, and the program phase "enhancement." Through this project, the Court targets felony offenders in Santa Clara County dually diagnosed with mental health and substance use disorders (SUD) who are assessed as medium to high risk for re-offending. The program's housing component will serve the highest-risk members of the target population who face the largest barriers to housing. The collaborative courts currently serve a total of 2,041 clients. The Court projects that it will serve 80-240 clients with the requested funds. Expenses include court personnel and salaries, housing and supportive services (10 units of transitional housing), and incentives.

Superior Court of Santa Cruz County was awarded \$591,008 for the implementation of their recently established Behavioral Health Court (BHC). The target population will be moderate and high-risk mentally ill adult offenders, eligible for participation based on placement on a probation mental health caseload and/or being under MOST (Maintaining Ongoing Stability through Treatment) team supervision. A total of 75 individuals will be served with funding under this grant, and 150 will be served overall by the BHC. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, program evaluation consultant, peer support services, residential treatment, transitional/temporary housing, collaborative court practitioner, and incentives.

Superior Court of Stanislaus County was awarded \$509,225 for the enhancement of their existing collaborative courts, including the addition of a Veterans Court. Veterans Court eligibility will be governed pursuant to PC 1170.9 which includes veteran status with a service related mental health problem. This grant will provide the stabilization of staffing and the ability to modify tools and training

for the teams that work directly with these programs, therefore resulting in more appropriate direction of services. Veterans comprise 4% of Stanislaus County's jail population and with 27,000 veterans in the jurisdiction, the need is growing every day for this specific group of citizens. This program will have the capacity to serve up to 60 veterans at any given time.

Superior Court of Tehama County was awarded \$599,912 for the planning/implementation of their Mental Health Court (TC-MHC). TC-MHC will serve a minimum of 25 moderate to high risk felons annually (50 felons over the two-year grant period) with a primary mental health diagnosis. This program will produce measurable outcomes for target offenders, including increases in mental health functioning, successful community reintegration, and lower recidivism. Expenses include consultants/contractors: mental health worker, case manager, probation officer, program analyst for data collection and evaluation.

Superior Court of Tulare County was awarded \$594,850 to plan and implement two collaborative courts, Domestic Violence and DUI. The County is in need of services to address the identified populations. According to the State of California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General, Tulare County received 2,397 domestic violence related calls in 2013, of which 1,278 involved a weapon. In addition, according to the California Office of Traffic Safety 2012 Ranking Report, Tulare County ranked 18th out of 58 counties for alcohol involved collisions. The program is projected to serve approximately 200 offenders annually per Court. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits (court clerk), 2 FTE probation officers, and .22 FTE PD and .22 FTE DA.

Superior Court of Tuolumne County was awarded \$130,542 in enhancement funding to strengthen the existing Adult Drug Court program (established in 1999). The program currently serves approximately 35 participants and anticipates the number to increase to 40 participants each year within the next two years. The funding will be used to boost the incentive program and to assist compliant, employed homeless participants with the first month's rent, and to provide residential treatment for participants who are not successful with outpatient services. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits, housing assistance, incentives, electronic monitoring, transdermal alcohol detection, and various residential treatments.

Superior Court of Ventura County was awarded \$175,234 in enhancement funding for their mental health court program. It is estimated that up to 90 defendants will be served annually. A portion of these funds will be used to implement a web-based drug court case management system which will allow the judge and all team members the tools they need to effectively manage treatment, capture historical data, and monitor case information. The Mental Health Court and Veterans Court have been identified to participate in the initial phase of entering data into the database. This project has the potential to be replicated in other courts. Expenses include court personnel salaries and benefits and case management software consultants.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MINI-GRANTS:

Superior Court of Alameda County

Superior Court of Fresno County

Superior Court of Inyo County

Superior Court of Monterey County

Superior Court of Plumas County

Superior Court of San Bernardino County

Superior Court of Santa Barbara County

Superior Court of Santa Clara County