



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Probation Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign Agreement 095-S1011 with Elsan Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$105,000 for the term October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012 to provide to Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) the required evaluation research element on each minor in the Department's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program, Community Alliance to Reduce Truancy (CART).

**FUNDING:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), CSA, JJCPA program.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY:</b>		
Total Estimated Cost - <b>All Years</b>	\$105,000	
Funding: <b>FY 09/10</b>	\$35,000	
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$35,000	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

No impact or change to Net County Cost as funding for this service was included in Probation's FY 2009/10 budget in the amount of \$35,000.

Background:

The Community Alliance to Reduce Truancy (CART) Program in El Dorado County has been operational since March of 2001, supported by annual funding from the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). The JJCPA was created by the Crime Prevention Act of 2000, which created a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth. The JJCPA involves a partnership between the state of California, 56 counties, and numerous community-based organizations. Local officials and stakeholders determine where to direct resources through an interagency planning process; the State appropriates the funds, which the State Controller's Office distributes to counties on a per-capita basis. It is a partnership that recognizes the need for juvenile justice resources and the value of local discretion and multi-agency collaboration in addressing the problem of juvenile crime in our communities.

The Department is required by the Juvenile Court and law (Welfare and Institutions Code § 628.1, 654, 725, 727, 741, 777, 778, 790, 840, 841, 1300-1308) to provide services and probation supervision to juvenile offenders.

**Reason for Recommendation:**

JJCPA requires that funded programs be modeled on evidence-based strategies that have proven effective in curbing juvenile delinquency. The JJCPA also requires counties to collect, evaluate, and report information on annual program expenditures and juvenile justice outcomes. At the local level, these evaluation activities enable stakeholders to assess progress toward desired goals, refine their programs, and target available resources. These evaluation efforts also enable the Legislature to monitor the investment the State has made in the JJCPA and assess its overall impact on juvenile crime and delinquency. Counties are statutorily required to report data for six (6) mandated outcomes: 1) arrest rate; 2) incarceration rate; 3) probation violation rate; 4) probation completion rate; 5) restitution completion rate; and 6) community service completion rate. In addition to these mandated outcomes, El Dorado County's CART Program also collects and reports data on two (2) additional outcomes: school attendance and grade point average.

Since the 2006/07 fiscal year there has been an increase in the number of juvenile participants in the CART program from approximately 250 to 450; however, the Department actively negotiated with the Consultant and reduced the overall expenditures on this agreement by approximately 9%; rolling back the Consultant's rates to the 2006/07 level; and requesting the Consultant hold these lower rates for the full term of this three-year agreement.

If the State funding for this program is eliminated or reduced, and the Department's budget does not allow for these services, ARTICLE VIII, Fiscal Considerations, contains verbiage allowing for cancellation this Agreement.

Whereas, County has determined that the provision of these services provided by Consultant is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Consultants as well as authorized by El Dorado County Charter, Section 210 (b) (6) and/or Government code 31000.

**Action to be taken following Board approval:**

- 1) Chairman to sign Agreement 095-S1011.
- 2) One original executed agreement shall be returned to Probation, and forwarded to vendor.
- 2) Board authorizes Purchasing Agent to encumber funds as needed.

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**Concurrences:**

County Counsel, Risk Management, Human Resources, and Procurement and Contracts.