



April 10, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Proposition 36 Implementation Funding
Local Law Enforcement Grants**

Dear Honorable Members:

On behalf of the League of California Cities, we write in support of two requests that have been made to the Budget Committees that would help implement voter-approved Proposition 36 and fund local law enforcement operations. Cal Cities is in support of the following requests:

1. **\$85 million for Local Law Enforcement Funding.** Cal Cities joins legislators who submitted this request to reinstitute grants to assist local law enforcement in funding public safety operations, acquiring technology, and partially offsetting the potential loss of federal funds. Over the last three years, the state has provided \$85 million annually for local law enforcement grants, distributed through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). These funds help address the potential cuts to federal funding by the Department of Justice and to address significant new mandates and requirements on our local police departments.
2. **\$43.9 million for county probation to implement Proposition 36.** Cal Cities supports the Chief Probation Officers of California request for \$14.7 million ongoing to support the courts and assess treatment options and \$29.2 million ongoing to oversee accountability measures and supervise expected caseload growth. These funds are needed for pre-trial assessments and the additional workload for supervision of this new population.

In recent years, there have been new duties and responsibilities placed on local agencies regarding the California Public Records Act, body-worn camera requirements, and reporting tied to an expansive new certification process. In addition, most of the recycling facilities for drugs and weapons have closed which will increase costs for cities.



Cal Cities and our local law enforcement partners are also anticipating a decrease in federal funding due to recent memos by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Currently, US DOJ grants are utilized for a variety of law enforcement operations and programs, including data security infrastructure, equipment and technology acquisition, crisis intervention teams, training, and personnel positions.

Cal Cities was in strong support of Proposition 36, as were voters in every county in the state, and to effectively implement these new provisions, resources are needed to address county probation efforts, jail capacity, behavioral health funding, and other services in order to ensure that those with drug and mental health issues are properly treated.

Despite the fiscal limitations facing local jurisdictions and the state, protecting Californians remains an essential task, as is providing necessary public safety resources to frontline law enforcement for the implementation of Proposition 36. That is why Cal Cities supports this request, to ensure that public safety is maintained even in these difficult fiscal times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jolena Voorhis".

Jolena Voorhis
Legislative Advocate

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