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**Gov. Perry Awards \$1.7 Million in Grants to Juvenile Offender Accountability Programs**

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry awarded more than \$1.7 million in grants to 25 programs dedicated to promoting greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The grants are awarded through the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program and distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

"These grants are an important step in helping young Texans and protecting our communities," Gov. Perry said. "By funding these services, the state helps Texas adolescents who engage in self-destructive and criminal activities find their way back on the road to becoming productive."

JABG funding ensures juveniles are provided options such as restitution, community service, victim-offender mediation and other methods of rehabilitation and reform through the juvenile justice system. Local probation departments, detention facilities and courts use this funding to improve services within the juvenile justice system. The grants also fund crime control and prevention training for law enforcement officers and court personnel, substance abuse treatment and case management through juvenile drug courts, and risk assessments of young offenders.

Each year, CJD administers more that \$113 million in state and federal funds to support criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim restoration programs.

The awards for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) include:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
\$12,865	Bell County	Bell County Crime Coalition
\$105,000	Bexar County	Bexar County Juvenile Drug Court
\$81,066	Bexar County	Early Intervention
\$16,989	Cameron County	Juvenile Surveillance Program
\$10,874	City of Corpus Christi	Municipal Juvenile Court
\$18,311	City of El Paso	Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Progr
\$131,401	City of Houston	Juvenile Accountability Court Program
\$172,763	Dallas County	Dallas County Juvenile Drug Court
\$24,548	Denton County	Juvenile Impact Program
\$127,500	El Paso County	El Paso County Juvenile Drug Court Program
\$36,466	El Paso County	Probation Supervision Tools and Interventions
\$19,089	Galveston County	Prosecution of Juvenile Offenders
\$287,542	Harris County	Harris County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Plan - Ju Probation
\$10,000	Jim Hogg County	Juvenile Justice Detention and Intervention Services
\$25,701	Lubbock County	Multi-Jurisdictional Truancy Mediation Program
\$17,432	McLennan County	Violent Offender Intensive Supervision Program
\$168,313	Midland County	Justice Court Alternative Sentencing Program
\$19,744	Nueces County	Probation Rules Enforcement Program
\$92,050	Office of the Attorney General	Gang Resource System
\$16,996	Smith County	Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (J Behavior Interventionist/Truancy Abatement Program
\$141,187	Tarrant County	Tarrant County Coordinated Enforcement Plan for Rec Juvenile Crime
\$117,500	Travis County	Drug Court and In-Home Family Services Expansion

\$80,889	Travis County	Juvenile Assessment Center
\$16,680	Webb County	Juvenile Prosecution Project
\$24,035	Williamson County	Substance Abuse Treatment Program