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CPOC Foundation Awarded \$250,000 from The James Irvine Foundation for Realignment

Sacramento – The Board of Directors of The James Irvine Foundation recently approved a \$250,000 grant to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Foundation to inform the realignment of corrections services through the dissemination of data analyses, research, and best practices payable over 24 months. This is one out of forty-five newly approved grants totaling just over \$19 million to support The James Irvine Foundation's mission of expanding opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society.

“We are grateful and enthusiastic about this opportunity to utilize funding from The James Irvine Foundation to enhance CPOC’s ability to provide effective leadership during the implementation of this historic corrections policy change in California. County level services will take a front and center role in the criminal justice system and it is important for CPOC to be a central repository for statewide information and best practices. This grant will allow CPOC to inform key stakeholders and the public about the outcomes of corrections realignment,” said CPOC Executive Director, Karen Pank.

Through the enactment of AB 109 “The Criminal Justice Realignment Act of 2011” and other accompanying legislation, the implementation of this historic criminal justice reform went into effect on October 1, 2011. Probation plays a key role in the newly realigned system. The data and research supported by this grant will help probation and other key stakeholders ensure we evaluate and react appropriately to this system change. It will be critical for Californians to ensure the most effective public safety tools are used to reduce victimization while violent criminals stay in prison.

The Chief Probation Officers of California represents the chiefs in all 58 counties in the State of California. Chief Probation Officers administer juvenile and adult probation programs for offenders sentenced to probation in our communities and provide for the supervision and treatment of offenders as ordered by the courts.

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