

CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY**600 Bercut Drive**

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Dear Chiefs:

This letter is to inform you of the action the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) took at its March 20, 2008 meeting regarding Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1952(a)(3) which provides limited funding – 5 percent of the total Youthful Offender Block Grant amount – for counties to address “unforeseen circumstances.” These funds are reserved by the State Controller’s Office for distribution by the Department of Finance, upon recommendation of the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) in collaboration with the Division of Juvenile Facilities (within the Division of Juvenile Justice).

With so many different entities involved in the administration of these funds, there is considerable coordination that must occur. To allow time for that coordination, and the development of a recommendation, prior to the CSA Board’s final meeting of this fiscal year (May 8, 2008), a **deadline of April 15, 2008** has been established for requesting these funds.

At the March 20th Board meeting it was agreed that any requests for funding under Section 1952(a)(3) would be reviewed by a work group to include CSA, Department of Finance, Chief Probation Officers of California, and California State Association of Counties. The work group will convene in the very near future and will be responsible for developing criteria by which funding requests will be evaluated. Using the criteria developed by the work group to evaluate requests, CSA staff will make a recommendation to the CSA Board on May 8, 2008.

If you have unforeseen circumstances in your county and you would like to apply for these funds, you must submit a request to the CSA by April 15, 2008. Such **requests should include a description of the unforeseen circumstance, the amount being requested, and an explanation of why the Youthful Offender Block Grant is insufficient.** Requests should be sent to:

Corrections Standards Authority
Corrections Planning & Programs Division
600 Bercut Drive
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Attn: Kim Bushard

If you have questions, please to contact Kim Bushard, Field Representative, at 916-324-0999 or kim.bushard@cdcr.ca.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

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