

Draft FY 2026-2027 Criminal Justice Objectives

Criminal Justice Research Division

- **2340000 Criminal Justice Clearinghouse**

Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objectives of this work element are to support local criminal justice (CJ) planning and policymaking by providing analysis of crime and other public safety data; maintaining current and historical information about crime and public safety strategies; developing research designs to evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention and reduction strategies; and supporting the Public Safety Committee (PSC). Focus in FY 2027 will be to continue adapting processes and methodologies to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)/California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS) data and increase the criminal justice data availability in the Open Data Portal.

- **2340100 Substance Abuse Monitoring**

Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to support practitioners and policymakers in tracking changes in substance use trends over time to inform prevention, treatment, and other activities. Emphasis in FY 2027 will be on continuing to measure substance use among arrested adults and juveniles and conducting interviews with adults booked into San Diego County detention facilities and juveniles booked into Juvenile Detention Facilities and Achievement Centers on a semi-annual basis to understand use histories and patterns, and other behavioral trends.

- **2345000+ Adult Criminal Justice Projects**

Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to deliver high-quality research and evaluation services to support local law enforcement and public safety agencies in enhancing their crime prevention and intervention programs across diverse areas. By conducting thorough research, the objective is to provide these agencies with valuable insights and data-driven recommendations, fostering collaboration between research and practical applications for more effective community safety. Emphasis in FY 2027 will be on compiling valid and reliable information from historical and original data sources to provide timely information to improve program delivery and objectively measure if program goals were achieved.

This overall work program (OWP) includes:

1. OWP Project No. 2347200, San Diego County Proposition 47 Evaluation Cohorts 3 and 4 (providing evaluation to County programs aimed to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism for persons exiting custody with behavioral health and housing stability issues);
2. OWP Project No. 2347400, Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Central District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
3. OWP Project No. 2347500, Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Northern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
4. OWP Project No. 2347700, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Southern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
5. OWP Project No. 2347800, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Central District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
6. OWP Project No. 2347900, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Northern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
7. OWP Project No. 2348000, Organized Retail Theft Evaluation (assessing Chula Vista Police Department programs aimed to reduce auto theft by identifying organized retail theft and

educating the community on vehicle theft prevention);

8. OWP Project No. 2353600 the Project Safe Neighborhoods Research Partner for the Southern District of California (regional research on gun and firearm usage to assist with regional violent crime reduction strategies);
9. OWP Project No. 2354100, Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Smart Policing Initiative (analysis of Chula Vista Police Department's mandatory state reporting to the Racial and Identity Profiling Act data program).

- **2350000+ Youth Evaluation Projects**

Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to continue to partner with local jurisdictions to evaluate grant-funded programs, ranging from prevention to graduated sanctions for youth. SANDAG has also developed partnerships with other youth serving entities in the region to provide quality evaluations that support its funding and mission to provide innovative juvenile justice prevention and intervention services. Of notable significance are evaluations focused on diversion programs and reducing juvenile incarcerations, which continue to support prior improvements in the local juvenile justice system, positively impacting youths involved with it. Focus in FY 2027 will be on compiling valid and reliable information from historical and original data sources to provide timely information to improve program delivery and objectively measure if program goals were achieved.

This overall work program (OWP) includes:

1. OWP Project No. 2350100, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Evaluation (evaluation of different programs from prevention to intervention services to reduce juvenile involvement in the justice system);
2. OWP Project No. 2354400 FY23 Proposition 64 San Diego Evaluation (evaluating marijuana prevention and education programs in San Diego); and
3. OWP Project No. 2354500 FY23 Proposition 64 Chula Vista Evaluation (evaluating marijuana prevention and education programs in Chula Vista);

+ indicates a high-level grouping of related work being conducted under specific grants or other funding sources.