



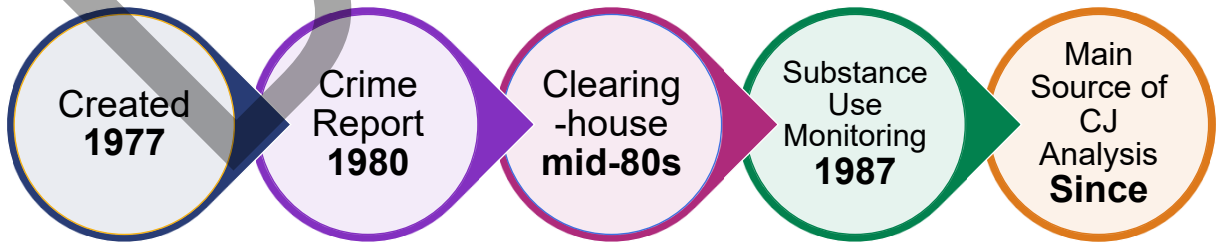
Criminal Justice Research

2025 Accomplishments and
Draft FY 2027 Work Program and Budget

Public Safety Committee | Item 5
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The Evolution of SANDAG's Criminal Justice Research: From 1977 to Today



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Criminal Justice Research Division

Research and Data Collection

- Analysis on crime, arrest, and drug use data
- Qualitative and quantitative research methods

Analysis and Evaluation

- Assessment and evaluation of criminal justice-related policies and programs
- Ability to analyze longitudinal trends



Reporting and Dissemination

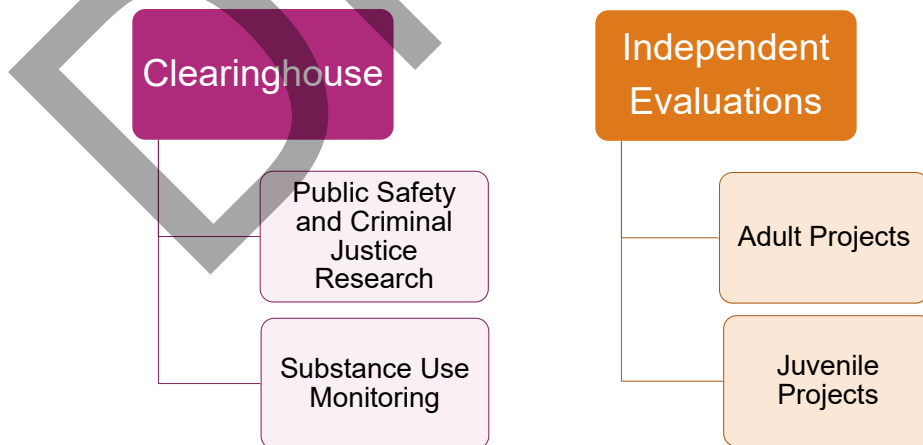
- Written reports and presentations (bulletins, briefs, flash findings)
- Data visualizations and sharing (Open Data Portal)

Collaboration

- Data-sharing agreements
- Participate in task forces and commissions

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Our Different Concentrations: Key Roles in Criminal Justice Research



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Research and Data Utility

Substance Use Monitoring	Criminal Justice Clearinghouse	Youth Evaluation Projects	Adult Evaluation Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platform to understand arrestee drug use trends over time Evaluation of criminal and other risky behaviors of those with substance use issues Provides information to policy makers, law enforcement, and treatment and prevention professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to track crime trends and changing measures of success Objectively measure what is otherwise only known anecdotally Provide standardized regional information for planning purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support local law enforcement and human services agencies Evaluate juvenile crime prevention programs Provide understanding of crime and drug use trends among juveniles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost-effective independent evaluations and research Access to criminal justice and police records to conduct studies Qualitative and quantitative research for evidence-based recommendations

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2025 Main Accomplishments

- 13 publications include 5 bulletins, 6 flash reports 2 briefs
- Data available in Open Data Portal:
 - SUM
 - Crime 2021-2024

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Clearinghouse Publications

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Collaborative grant proposals

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Independent evaluations concluded

45th
Anniversary of Crime Report

20th
Anniversary of SUM as a regionally sustainable effort

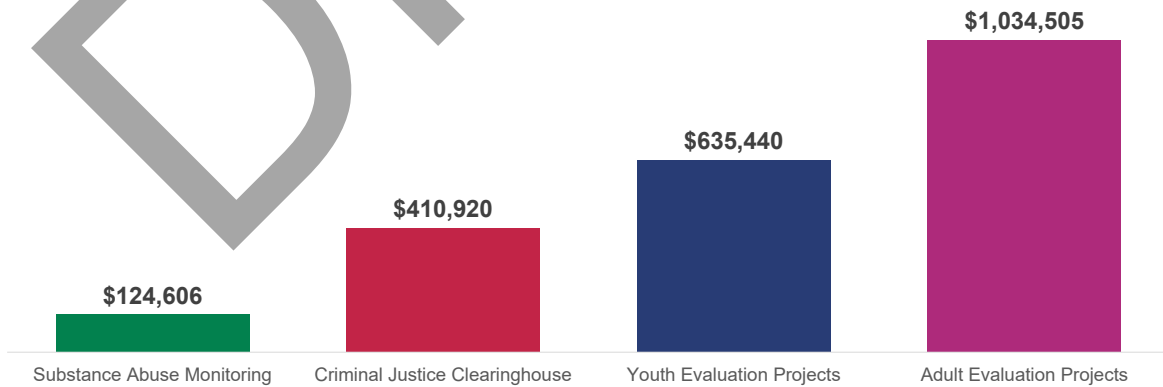
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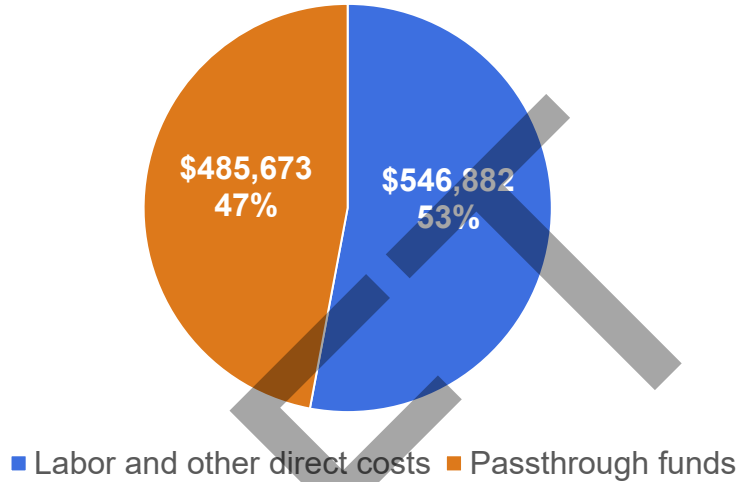
CJRD Draft FY 2027 Budget: \$2,197,860*



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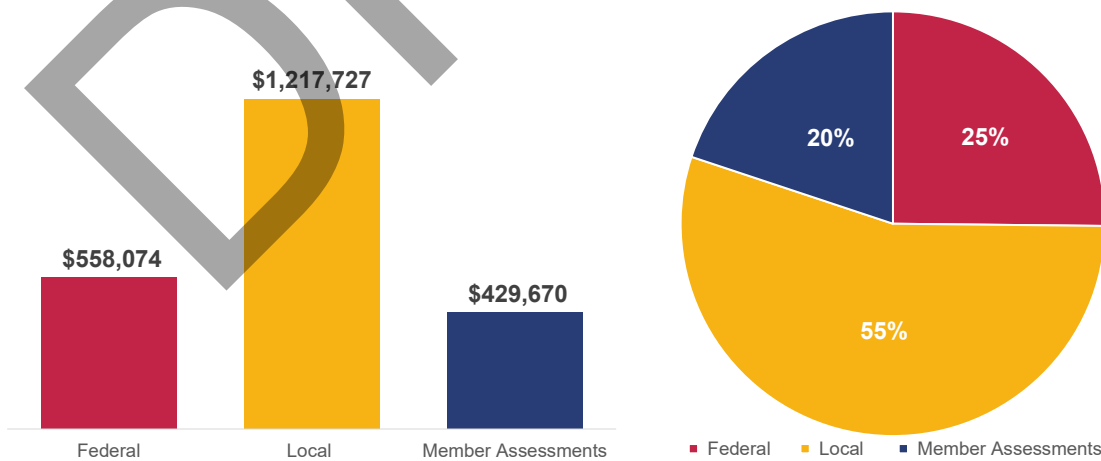
Direct Costs vs. Passthrough Funds

Almost
1 out of 2
dollars for adult
projects are
passthrough funds



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Source of Funding



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Independent Evaluations (Adult and Juvenile Projects)

ADULT EVALUATIONS	FUNDING
San Diego County Proposition 47 Evaluation (Cohorts 3 and 4)	\$443,285
Project Safe Neighborhoods (Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California 2022-23)	\$539,522
Organized Retail Theft Evaluation	\$33,146
Project Safe Neighborhoods Research Partner for the Southern District of California	\$1,680
Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Smart Policing Initiative	\$16,872
TOTAL	\$1,034,505

JUVENILE EVALUATIONS	FUNDING
Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (County)	\$478,596
FY23 Proposition 64 San Diego Evaluation	\$78,422
FY23 Proposition 64 Chula Vista Evaluation	\$78,422
TOTAL	\$635,440

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FY 2027 Priorities

- 1 Continue collecting, analyzing relevant data for the region.
- 2 Sustain the long-running project surveying and drug-testing in local jails.
- 3 Secure new collaborative projects and independent evaluations.
- 4 Conclude federally funded initiatives on gun violence and law enforcement trust.
- 5 Complete final evaluation reports on gun crime trends and law enforcement biases.
- 6 Conclude evaluation of Cohort 3 County Regional Proposition 47 Program.

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