



## Standing Council on Community and Disability Services Advisory Council

### SCCDSAC Cost-shared budget for 2013-14 Budget bid

#### Guide for use

If you are applying for funding for a project please complete parts A, B and C.

If you are applying for funding for secretariat resources please complete parts A and D.

#### Part A: Summary of funding proposal

##### 1. Project Sponsor of submission

*Name of principal committee / jurisdiction*

Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA)

##### 2. Sponsor's Contact Officer / Secretariat:

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##### 3. Title of Project or Activity:

Developing a data collection to measure juvenile recidivism: stage 2—measuring severity

**Part B: Project funding**

<b>Cost \$ GST exclusive</b>	<b>2012–13 (If relevant)</b>	<b>2013–14</b>	<b>2014–15 (If relevant)</b>	<b>2015–16 (If relevant)</b>
Work Program				
SCCDSAC component \$		\$131,200 (plus GST)		
Resources provided by sponsoring jurisdiction if relevant <i>e.g. Secretariat/ administrative support</i>				

## Part C: Outline of work program or project proposal

Please provide a summary of your project or work program.

*Either use a consolidated table for an overall work program or a separate sheet for each project.*

### 1. Title of project

Developing a data collection to measure juvenile recidivism: stage 2—measuring severity.

### 2. Purpose of project or work program

This project will continue development of a data collection to measure juvenile recidivism. This second stage will focus on developing methods to measure the severity of juvenile recidivism.

### 3. Outcomes to be achieved

The main outcome of this project would be the further development of a data collection to measure juvenile recidivism, including:

1. a method of classifying the severity of juvenile offences
2. development of key measures of the severity of recidivism.

Relevant metadata will be developed to align with existing national standards across community services and other human services sectors (health, housing and homelessness and early childhood) and made accessible through the AIHW's online metadata registry (METeOR).

### 4. Benefits to be derived from the proposed outcomes

Recidivism is one of the key indicators of the effectiveness of juvenile justice interventions (Richards 2010). This project would contribute to an understanding of the performance of the juvenile justice system and provide valuable information for effective service delivery.

### 5. Draft work program timeframes/ milestones

Step	Activity/milestone	Expected completion
1	Establish reference group and confirm scope	August 2013
2	Review existing classification systems	October 2013
3	Analyse existing offence data and develop classification of offence severity in consultation with reference group	February 2014
4	Develop recommendations in consultation with reference group	May 2014
5	Final report to SCCDSAC	July 2014

**6. Outcomes from earlier years work for this project or work program if applicable**

This project would be informed by the recommendations arising from stage 1 of this project (currently in train). Funding for stage 1 of this project was provided by CDSMAC for 2012–13. This stage involved testing and refining the principles and data specifications developed by Richards (2010), evaluating the usefulness of the existing Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS) for measuring recidivism, and developing and piloting additional data items for the JJ NMDS.

**7. Support for this work or project by other jurisdictions/ principal committees**

The proposal is supported by the Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA), a subcommittee of SCCDSAC.

**8. Summary of funding estimates by financial years 2013–14 – 2014-15**

Estimated cost over 12 months—\$131,200 (plus GST)

*Further supporting details:*

In 2009, the AJJA funded the Australian Institute of Criminology to develop principles for measuring juvenile recidivism in Australia. The resulting report, Richards (2010) *Recidivism outcomes for juveniles in Australia: a national research project* recommends that the severity of recidivism be measured as well as the overall amount of recidivism.

Funding for stage 1 of this project was provided by CDSMAC for 2012–13. Stage 2 is a logical next step, focusing on severity of juvenile recidivism.

Measuring the severity of juvenile recidivism requires a classification of offence seriousness. This project would explore existing methods used to classify adult offences and would use available juvenile offence data to develop a classification system for measuring the severity of juvenile recidivism.

**Part D: Secretariat costs**

Provide a summary of the funding required for secretariat services to SCCDSAC working groups or subcommittees.

<b>Cost Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>\$ Cost for 2013–14</b>
<b>1. Staffing costs</b>		
<b>2. Administrative costs</b>		
<b>3. Travel and accommodation</b>		
<b>4. Meetings</b>		
<b>5. Other</b> <i>Includes project work undertaken by the Secretariat</i>		