The Juror Fund Program began in FY 1991 and allows jurors the option of donating their juror per diem back to Dallas County. Juror Fund monies designated for Juvenile Department use are allocated to direct Service Programs that focus on approaches in assisting youth that are new and innovative and/or that cannot be funded through available tax dollars.

YSAB is authorized to (1) Make recommendations to the Juvenile Board as to the use of the Dallas County Juror Fund for programs beneficial to youth served by the Juvenile Department; (2) Receive reports from the Juvenile Department regarding allocations and use of funds by grant recipients; and (3) Receive evaluative information regarding programs funded with Juror Fund monies. Under the foregoing provisions, YSAB may recommend that the Juvenile Board approve grants to community organizations or to the Juvenile Department, provided, however, that any recommendations regarding grants to the Juvenile Department shall be made only following written application by the Department and, further provided, the Department shall not participate in YSAB’s deliberations, but only provide such information as YSAB may reasonably request to enable YSAB to make its recommendations.