

Best Grand Jury Report				
Year	County	Subject	Why it Won	Year and Title of report and link
2024	Contra Costa	Psychiatric emergency services	Investigated lack of suitable facilities for children and adolescents. The effective remedies offered in that report were successfully implemented.	2018-19 Contra Costa County Psychiatric Emergency Services Improving Care for Children and Adolescents <a href="https://www.cc-courts.org/civil/docs/grandjury/2018-2019/1909/1909_ContraCosta_County_Psychiatric_Emergency_Services.pdf">https://www.cc-courts.org/civil/docs/grandjury/2018-2019/1909/1909_ContraCosta_County_Psychiatric_Emergency_Services.pdf</a>
2023	San Bernardino	City of Upland financial information	Provided evidence of that the City of Upland acted improperly by altering official documents, not following established procedures, and withholding key financial information from the public.	2019-20 Early Release Report City of Upland Investigation <a href="https://wp.sbcounty.gov/grandjury/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/11/City-of-Upland-Report.pdf">https://wp.sbcounty.gov/grandjury/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/11/City-of-Upland-Report.pdf</a>
2022	San Francisco	Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project	Uncovered city government inefficiencies and brought to the city's attention millions of dollars in budget overages.	2020-2021 Van Ness Avenue: What Lies Beneath <a href="https://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/2020_2021/2021%20CGJ%20Report_Van%20Ness%20Avenue%20-%20What%20Lies%20Beneath.pdf">https://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/2020_2021/2021%20CGJ%20Report_Van%20Ness%20Avenue%20-%20What%20Lies%20Beneath.pdf</a>
2021	Santa Clara	Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	Described long-term problems at the VTA focusing on the board of directors. Received extensive media coverage and led to a legislative initiative.	2018-19 Inquiry into Governance of the Valley Transportation Authority <a href="https://www.scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2019/CGJ%20VTA%20Final%20Report%20-%2006.18.19.pdf">https://www.scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2019/CGJ%20VTA%20Final%20Report%20-%2006.18.19.pdf</a>
2020	Marin	Wildfire preparedness	Led to creation of joint powers authority and funding to support it.	4/25/19 Wildfire Preparedness: A New Approach <a href="https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/reports-and-responses/reports-responses/2018-19/wildfire-preparedness-a-new-approach">https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/reports-and-responses/reports-responses/2018-19/wildfire-preparedness-a-new-approach</a>
2019	Alameda	City finances	Revealed the ramifications of the crisis and led to steps toward improvement.	June 2018 Oakland's \$860 Million Crisis: Unfunded Retiree Healthcare <a href="http://grandjury.acgov.org/grandjury-assets/docs/2017-2018/GJ-FinalReport-2017-2018.pdf">http://grandjury.acgov.org/grandjury-assets/docs/2017-2018/GJ-FinalReport-2017-2018.pdf</a>
2019	Shasta	County finances	Report led to the correction of an error that would have cost the county more than \$260,000.	April 2016 The Quarter Million Dollar Typo: Words Matter <a href="https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0">https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0</a>
2018	San Bernardino	School district police dept.	Revealed disproportionate towing of vehicles, neglect of other duties.	6/30/2017 Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2018_SB.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2018_SB.pdf</a>

2017	Lake	Emergency services	Reported on the disorganized coordination of emergency services in the midst of one of the largest disasters in California.	6/30/16 Role of the Office of Emergency Services in County Disaster Preparedness <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2017_Lake.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2017_Lake.pdf</a>
2016	Mendocino	County library	Examined the county's misclassification of library revenues and disbursement of library funds.	5/27/15 The Library <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2016_Mendo1.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2016_Mendo1.pdf</a> 6/9/14 The Mendocino County Free Library, How Is It Doing After Measure A? <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2016_Mendo2.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2016_Mendo2.pdf</a>
2015	Santa Cruz	Local water districts	Investigated and reported on desalination and other options available for addressing the current severe drought.	June 2014 Desalination and Alternatives: Water for a Thirsty County. <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2015_SC.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2015_SC.pdf</a>
2014	San Francisco	City/county government technology system	Revealed the shortcomings of the operating technology and directly led to improvements in structure and management.	6/1/12 Deja Vu All Over Again: San Francisco's City Technology Needs a Culture Shock <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2014_SF.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2014_SF.pdf</a>
2013	San Luis Obispo	Sanitation District	Special district director's conflict of interest and the failure of oversight by the board, led to changes on the board and director's resignation	2010-11 The South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2013_SLO.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2013_SLO.pdf</a>
2012	Sacramento	County Library	Misappropriation of funds, conflicts of interest in the award of contracts, and other serious acts of administrative malfeasance	2007-08 Sacramento Public Library Authority: The Business of Books <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2012_Sacto.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2012_Sacto.pdf</a>
2011	Yuba	Auditor-Controller	Official described as incompetent forced to resign	Financial Hard Times in Yuba County <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2011_Yuba.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2011_Yuba.pdf</a>
°2010	Marin	Indigent defendants not represented at preliminary hearing	Investigated and obtained resolution of a practice which compromised the right of equal justice for all citizens at their arraignment hearing.	2005-06 Defenseless at Arraignment: Lady Justice Lagging in Marin <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2010_Marin.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2010_Marin.pdf</a>
°2009	Mendocino	Senior Center mismanaged	Executive Director resigned and services greatly improved	2008-09 "Nobody <del>(is)</del> Was Listening: The Redwood Coast Senior Center <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2009_Mendo.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2009_Mendo.pdf</a>
j2008	Napa	Farm worker housing	Reported on cost overruns, lack of oversight and the involved/responsible entities	2007-08 Renovation of Farmworker Housing Centers by the Napa Valley Housing Authority: A Case Study in the Failure of Governmental Stewardship <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2008_Napa.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2008_Napa.pdf</a>

j2007	Kern	Mandatory curbside recycling	It was well written and technically complete.	2006-07 Kern County Waste Management Department and City of Bakersfield Department of Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling Division <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2007_Kern.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2007_Kern.pdf</a>
j2006	Placer	Earl Heal and Sherry Chesny	Sherry accepted the Excellence in Reporting award on behalf of Placer County Grand Jury.	
j2006	Butte	Public school student fees	Special achievement in investigating and obtaining resolution of public school policies regarding assessment and collection of fees from students and control and disbursement of education funds. Bookkeeping of accounts was highly deficient.	2004-5 High Price of Public Education in Butte County <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2006_Butte1.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2006_Butte1.pdf</a> 2005-6 Chico Unified School District: Associated Student Body Funds <a href="https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2006_Butte2.pdf">https://www.cgja.org/sites/default/files/2006_Butte2.pdf</a>
2005	Nevada			
j2004	Solano	Certificate of Merit: 2001/02, 2002/03, and 2003/04 Grand Juries. Solano County Water Agency's inadequate provision of flood control along Sweeney Creek.		
j2004	Madera Certificate of Merit	Collection of Court Fees	Bringing to light the \$5-20 million in uncollected court fees. (Citation gives CGJA credit for breaking through Court's position that GJ could not investigate the court.)	2003 Uncollected Madera County Court Fees (This report no longer on Madera Grand Jury website)
j2004	Ventura	Certificate of Merit:	Informative and broad-ranging newspaper insert of 1/12/04 on the varied grand jury experience.	Joint award to the 2003/04 Grand Jury and to the <i>Ventura Star</i> – report unavailable
j2004	Lake	Certificate of Merit	Extensive newspaper article on the history and function of grand juries, published on 3/31/04.	2003-04 Grand Jury – report not available
j2002	Orange County			1999 report unavailable
j2001	Monterey			
j2001	Placer			