

Proposition 47 Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)
Cohort 4
Frequently Asked Questions

Prop. 47 Local Advisory Committee

- 1. Does BSCC have any conflict of interest protocols that sub-applicants should follow if members of the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) will help develop the program and be applying for funds, or should the applicant develop their own?**
A: No. Public agency applicants should consult with agency counsel on applicable conflict of interest policies. ([Request for Proposals](#) (RFP), p. 15.)
- 2. I assume it's a conflict to have your CBO subgrantee on your LAC?**
A: See answer to Question 1.
- 3. Can an LAC serve more than one applicant?**
A: It might be appropriate for a LAC to serve more than one applicant. Applicants should read through the Prop 47 LAC requirements in the RFP, beginning on page 14.
- 4. Does the LAC have to change from cohort to cohort, or can it consist of the same people every year?**
A: The LAC can consist of the same people every year, but applicants should read through the Prop 47 LAC requirements described in the RFP, beginning on page 14.
- 5. Can you elaborate on the LAC?**
A: The Prop 47 LAC requirements are described in the RFP, beginning on page 14. This component will be rated according to the rating criteria contained in Rating Factor 2 (Community Engagement), found on page 30 of the RFP.
- 6. Can you go over Attachments E and F, specifically where these individuals can be found or if there are any restrictions?**
A: The LAC should be made up of community stakeholders that your agency believes will be helpful in developing and sustaining the services funded by the Prop 47 grant program. There are no restrictions and the BSCC encourages public participation.
- 7. Can LAC members receive stipends?**
A: Public agency applicants should consult with counsel and follow local guidelines regarding stipends to local boards and commissions.
- 8. Does the LAC have to be approved by a government entity? Or can they just self-form?**
A: The Prop 47 LAC should be developed and approved by the public agency applicant.

Eligibility to Apply / Lead Agency

9. Can non-profit organizations apply, or only government entities?

A: Only public agencies may apply for Prop 47 grant funds. Public agencies are required, however, to pass through a minimum of 50 percent of a grant award to one or more non-governmental, community-based organizations.

10. Am I able to apply for this grant as a re-entry program sole proprietor?

A: No. See answer to Question 9.

11. Not all the Cohort 3 recipients on the BSCC webpage are listed on page 43 of the RFP. Is a Cohort 3 recipient not listed on page 43 eligible?

A: No, all Cohort 3 lead agency grant recipients are ineligible. BSCC inadvertently left off several of the Cohort 3 grant recipients from the ineligible list on page 43 of the RFP. The list has now been updated to include all Cohort 3 grantees and the RFP was reposted to the BSCC website on May 1, 2024.

12. Would a public community college or university be able to serve as a lead applicant under eligibility?

A: A public community college or university might be eligible, if it meets the definition of a public agency (see RFP, p.7). Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult with their legal counsel.

13. Will organizations that are receiving Cohort 3 funds be eligible to apply for Cohort 5 funding?

A: The BSCC anticipates that Cohort 3 grantees will be eligible to apply for Cohort 5 funding, barring any major changes to funding requirements developed during the Executive Steering Committee process.

14. Can a community-based organization (CBO) be the lead agency?

A: No. For the purposes of this RFP, the public agency applicant will be considered the Lead Agency. (RFP, p. 7.)

15. If an organization is receiving Cohort 3 funds, could they receive Cohort 4 funds as long as it is not the lead agency?

A: Yes. Only public agencies currently receiving a Cohort 3 Proposition 47 grant as the Lead Agency are not eligible to apply for Cohort 4 funding.

16. Can a lead agency submit two separate and unrelated proposals?

A: No. Please see page 7 of the RFP which states: "Lead agencies (i.e., individual agencies or departments within a city, county, or other jurisdiction) may not submit more than one proposal."

17. Is it best to apply with a county or city to reach multiple school districts, or must we partner with one school district and only serve that one district?

A: One lead agency can service multiple school districts.

Required 50 Percent Pass-Through to Non-Governmental, Community-Based Organizations

18. Does every lead agency applying have to have a partner that they share these funds with?

A: Yes, a Lead Agency must subcontract with one or more non-governmental, community-based organizations for a minimum of 50 percent of the total grant award in order to demonstrate a shared partnership rooted in community engagement and economic equity. (RFP, p. 7.)

19. Can a government agency apply without a prior commitment from a community-based organization (CBO)? Can the agency put out an RFP for a CBO after they obtain the funding?

A: Yes, a public agency can apply without a prior commitment from a CBO and identify CBO partners after they obtain the funding.

20. Do we need to name our CBO/non-governmental partners in the proposal?

A: No. See answer to Question 19.

21. Can we have multiple CBO/non-governmental partners?

A: Yes. A Lead Agency can have one or more CBO/non-governmental partners. (RFP, p. 7.)

22. Can a CBO/non-governmental partner be part of more than one application? For example, could an organization be part of the City of Vista's application and also San Diego County's application?

A: Yes, as long as the organization has the capacity and capability to document and track the efforts separately. Please note that double billing is prohibited. ([2023 BSCC Grant Administration Guide](#), p.47.)

Indirect Cost Rate

23. What is the minimum and maximum indirect rate an applicant can apply for in the budget?

A: Grantees are not required to claim indirect costs, so there is no minimum. The maximum indirect cost rate options can be found in the Budget Worksheet instructions and are listed here:

- 1) Organizations with a federally approved indirect cost rate may request reimbursement for indirect costs not to exceed 20 percent of the total grant award.
- 2) Organizations that do not have a federally approved indirect cost rate may request reimbursement for indirect costs not to exceed 10 percent of the total grant award.

Eligible Expenditures / Services

24. Is it allowable for a service provider to be funded for both infrastructure and service provision? For example: To build a Diversion Centric Sobering Center and then to run the center?

A: No, Prop 47 funds may not be used to build infrastructure.

The 2023 BSCC Grant Administration Guide states: “Expenses for real property, including land, land improvements, structures and their attachments, and structural improvements and alterations are not allowable expenditures unless specifically authorized in the terms of the program.” Building a new facility is not an allowable cost on its own or combined with service.

25. Can services like Medication Assisted Treatment and Substance Use Disorder counseling be provided in the custodial setting with reentry planning for continuity once released?

A: No, Prop 47 funds may not be used for programs or services in a custodial setting. (RFP, p. 12.)

26. Do you consider Reentry planning as coordination for release only, or can it be used for classes, job preparedness, or other courses offered in a custodial setting with the intent to prepare the incarcerated person for release and job readiness day one of their release?

A: See answer to Question 25. For the purposes of the Prop 47 grant, “outreach and reentry planning” would not include classes offered in a custodial setting.

27. Would a vehicle be real property?

A: No, a vehicle is not considered to be real property. Prop 47 grant funds may be used to purchase vehicles but require separate and prior approval from the BSCC after the grant is awarded. (2023 BSCC Grant Administration Guide, pp. 33 – 34.)

28. Does a locked LPS (Lanterman-Petris-Short Act) facility with behavioral health, drug treatment and medical treatment qualify as a non-custodial setting if the individuals housed have been released from or diverted from jail or prison?

A: Although a locked LPS facility is not a custodial setting like a jail or prison, providing programs or services in an LPS facility does not fulfill the intent of Prop 47. A key tenet of the Prop 47 grant is to provide community-based mental health, substance use disorder and/or diversion services to justice-involved individuals in their communities.

29. Is capacity building for our CBO/non-governmental partners an allowable cost?

A: Yes. Capacity building is an allowable expense as long as it is directly related to the delivery of Prop 47 funded services and/or the management and staffing of the Prop. 47 grant. (RFP, p. 41.)

30. Can the grant fund technical assistance from a larger CBO to a smaller CBO to help them provide their services, manage their organization, etc.?

A: Yes. Public agency applicants are required to pass through 50 percent of grant funds to one or more CBOs. CBOs may use these funds to provide technical assistance to other CBOs as long as it is directly related to the delivery of Prop 47 funded service and/or the management and staffing of the Prop 47 grant. The management of staff and services unrelated to Prop 47 clients are not allowable costs.

31. Is renting or leasing housing for justice involved individuals an allowed expense?

A: Yes, housing support can be an allowable cost. (RFP, p. 11.)

32. What are the options for tribal entities or those service members of a tribe eligible to apply as a lead agency?

A: Tribal entities covered by the definition of public agencies provided on page 7 of the RFP are eligible applicants. Options for eligible tribal applicants are the same as for all other eligible applicants.

33. How does culturally congruent service delivery weigh in the RFP process?

A: Applicants should carefully review all of the Rating Factors against which the proposals will be scored. Rating criteria 3.4 specifically addresses an applicant's service delivery approach. (RFP, p. 31.)

34. Our agency is ineligible to apply because we have a Cohort 3 grant. But if another public agency from our county receives a Cohort 4 award, can we subcontract with them to provide some of the required services?

A: There is nothing in the RFP that prohibits a Cohort 3 grantee from receiving funds as a subgrantee on another proposal. Another public agency within the county may apply and subcontract with your agency for services that are not already covered by Cohort 3 funds.

Funding

35. Does this grant require a matching of funds?

A: No, there is no match requirement for the Prop.47 grant.

36. Will this grant provide advance funding to grantees?

A: No, the Prop 47 program operates on a reimbursement basis for costs incurred during the grant reporting period. (RFP, p. 21.)

37. Are there provisions for counties that anticipate losing their Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds, i.e., funding continuity of programs that will be unfunded with Prop 1?

A: There are no specific provisions around MHSA funds, but Prop 47 funding may be used to continue services that have lost funding. Please see pages 9-10 of the RFP, which states: "BSCC grant funds shall be used to support new program activities

and/or to augment existing funds that expand current program activities. BSCC grant funds shall not be used to replace existing funds.”

38. Can the grant fund an existing program looking to add new services, expand from one phase to another, serve more people? Can grant funds fund the entire program or only the new elements?

A: Prop 47 grant may be used to support new program activities and/or augment existing funds that expand current grant activities. However, applicants must be aware that supplanting is strictly prohibited for all BSCC grants. Supplanting is the deliberate reduction in the amount of federal, state, or local funds being appropriated to an existing program or activity because grant funds have been awarded for the same purposes. (RFP, pp. 9-10.)

Target Population

39. For non-profit organizations that primarily serve youth and young adults, what areas do you recommend we focus on when submitting our proposal?

A: BSCC cannot make recommendations or assist an applicant with its proposal. Applicants should carefully review the *Eligible Grant Activities and Target Population* section, beginning on page 11 of the RFP.

40. Is there a specific list of offenses available that would exclude target populations?

A: No, there is not a list of offenses that would exclude individuals from Prop 47 funded programs. Please see pages 12-3 of the RFP for information regarding the target population.

41. Can the target population be an "and"? That is, can a grantee target people who have been arrested AND have other characteristics, as long as the target population requirements are addressed?

A: Yes.

Governing Board Resolution

42. There appears to be conflicting information in the RFP. In one area it says a resolution is required for the application, but in the sample resolution, it says it's required before execution of the agreement execution. I would like to double check and get your written guidance on which is it. Resolution with application or resolution with agreement execution.

A: The Governing Board Resolution is NOT required at the time of application. It must be submitted once grant funds are awarded and before reimbursement for grant-related expenditures can occur.

Miscellaneous

43. Is there a way to download the full application questions with the length requirements or is it just through the submittable site?

A: The full application questions and the instructions, including the length requirements, are available in the RFP. Please see pages 27-34.

44. How does one get on the BSCC's mailing list?

A: The BSCC provides free email updates via various mailing lists. To sign up for automatic BSCC email updates, please visit our website at: https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccmailchimplisterserv/.

45. If granted funds, what day will the departments be notified?

A: Proposals recommended for funding will be notified prior to the September 2024 Board meeting, at which time the Board will vote to approve grant awards.

46. Is there an email or point of contact to which applicants can direct specific questions to ensure proposals are within the scope of the funding requirements?

A: BSCC staff cannot assist the applicant or its partners with the actual preparation of a proposal or provide feedback on the scope of a project. Technical questions concerning the RFP or the proposal process may be submitted by email to: Prop47Cohort4@bscc.ca.gov.