



Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant Funding Recommendations: Requesting Approval

TO: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board Chair and Members¹

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Summary

This agenda item requests Advisory Board approval of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) awards, as recommended by the Byrne SCIP Scoring Panel (Attachment 1). If the Advisory Board approves the proposed list of grantees, \$5,581,064 will be distributed among the 11 successful applicants. These grantees would consist of eight small scope projects and three large scope projects. The grant term will run from July 15, 2024 to September 30, 2026. The results of the scoring process, including a list of applicants recommended for funding, are provided in Attachment 2 and corresponding project summaries are provided in Attachment 3.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated State Administering Agency for the Byrne SCIP Grant, which is a federally funded grant authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339).

On February 15, 2024, the BSCC Board approved the posting of a Request for Proposals (RFP) and delegated authority to the SCIP Advisory Board to approve awards. The RFP was released on February 16, 2024, with a proposal due date of April 5, 2024 (Attachment 4), making \$10,694,933 available competitively to California cities and counties.

The RFP was based on the Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan (Attachment 5), which was approved by the SCIP Advisory Board on September 14, 2024 and the Bureau of Justice Assistance on November 8, 2024. The RFP required applicants to propose programs that address a minimum of one of the following Byrne SCIP Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

- **PPA 1: Communication, Education, Outreach, and Public Awareness** (related to Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws and programs).

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- **PPA 2: Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others.**
- **PPA 3: Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns** (including guns relinquished through a variety of protective orders, which includes Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO), Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVRO), Elder or Dependent Abuse Restraining Orders, and Civil Harassment Restraining Orders).

The RFP allocated the available funding across small and large scope projects. Applicants self-selected to compete within one of the two categories for the following amounts:

Project Category	For Applicants Requesting:	Funds Allocated to this Category
1) Small Scope	Up to \$500,000 for the entire grant period.	\$3,208,480
2) Large Scope	More than \$500,000 and up to \$1,000,000 for the entire grant period.	\$7,486,453
Total Funds Available:		\$10,694,933

The BSCC received 18 proposals requesting approximately \$10,487,671 in funding. After a technical review, all 18 proposals met the submission criteria and were provided to the Scoring Panel for funding consideration. On April 23 and 24, 2024, BSCC staff provided the Scoring Panel with training on the proposal rating process established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of the proposals.

The Scoring Panel recommended funding 11 applicants, consisting of eight small scope projects and three large scope projects. Three small scope projects and four large scope projects did not meet the minimum scoring threshold of 60 percent, as established in the RFP, and therefore are not eligible to receive funding.

Attachment 2 shows the complete results of the scoring process, including a list of the applicants recommended for funding with corresponding funding amounts. Attachment 3 contains project summaries for the recommended awardees. BSCC staff will apply the remaining \$5,113,869 to a future RFP for units of local government.

As required by the Byrne SCIP federal solicitation, once the Advisory Board has approved the awards, BSCC staff will submit a request for subaward authority to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). For any funded proposals that are not approved by BJA, staff will work with the applicant to adjust the project within its proposed program scope to make it acceptable to BJA. If a project cannot be adjusted within its proposed program scope to achieve BJA approval, the proposal will be ineligible to accept the award and will not be funded. The grant projects will begin on July 15, 2024, and BSCC staff will conduct a grantee orientation once all grant awards are executed.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Advisory Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the proposed list of applicants for \$5,581,064 for grants that will run from July 15, 2024, to September 30, 2026.
2. In the event BJA does not approve a project, authorize staff to work with applicants and BJA to make any necessary modifications within the scope of their proposed project to acquire BJA approval to make the award.

Attachments

- 1: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Scoring Panel Roster
- 2: Byrne SCIP Results of Scoring Process and Proposals Recommended for Funding
- 3: Byrne SCIP Project Summaries
- 4: Byrne SCIP Request for Proposals
- 5: Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan