

Adult Reentry Grant Program Executive Steering Committee Seeking Membership

Are you interested in helping set policy for a state reentry and housing grant?

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is seeking members to serve on a new Executive Steering Committee for the **Adult Reentry Grant Program** for Rental Assistance and Warm Handoff Reentry Services. Statements of Interest for this ESC will be taken until Friday, August 30, 2024 or until a full membership has been reached.

About the Adult Reentry Grant Program

The Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) provides funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison. The ARG Program was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and has received ongoing annual funding since that time.

The Budget Act of 2023 (Assembly Bill 102) and the Budget Act of 2024 (Assembly Bill 107) each appropriated \$57 million to the BSCC to administer the ARG program. Including \$7.8 million that remains unallocated from Cohort 3, there is approximately \$121 million available for Cohort 4. The funding will be equally split between Rental Assistance and Warm Handoff and Reentry Services as prescribed by the budget language.

Click [here](#) for the authorizing State Budget Act language.

We are looking for a diverse group of subject matter experts

The BSCC is forming an ESC that reflects California's diverse population in terms of perspectives, backgrounds, professional expertise, life experiences, and geographical representation. Per the authorizing legislation, preference will be given to members from relevant state agencies and departments with expertise in public health, housing, workforce development, and effective rehabilitative treatment for adult offenders, including, but not limited to, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of Health Equity, county probation departments, representatives of reentry-focused community-based organizations, criminal justice impacted individuals, and representatives of housing-focused community-based organizations.

Responsibilities of the ARG ESC

There are important responsibilities and considerations you should review before determining whether you can serve on this ESC, such as:

- Time commitment;
- Conflict of Interest Laws;
- Financial Reporting Requirements; and
- Ethics Training

Please review full **ESC Roles and Responsibilities** information at:
http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccexecutivesteeringcommittees/.

Individuals interested in serving on the ARG ESC should be prepared to attend multiple all-day meetings (in-person and/or virtual, TBD) and then spend approximately 20-25 hours reading and scoring grant proposals on your time. Meetings will be scheduled in the Fall of 2024 and the Spring of 2025, with specific meeting dates to be determined. As a member of the ESC, you will help:

- Develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the fourth round of ARG grant funding,
- Participate in a virtual Rater Training to learn how to use BSCC's scoring process,
- Individually read and score the grant proposals in order to develop award recommendations for BSCC Board approval.

Submit a Statement of Interest

If you are interested in serving on the ARG ESC, please submit an email with the subject line "ARG ESC Statement of Interest" to ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Name and title (if applicable)
- Name of the agency or organization you represent (if applicable)
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Geographical part of California you represent

Attach to the email a Word document (no more than one page) that contains your Statement of Interest. In the Statement of Interest, please address how your professional expertise and/or life experiences will assist the BSCC in meeting our diversity and subject matter expertise goals.

Once you have sent the email, you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt of your submission. If you do not receive a reply, please email Ian Silva, Adult Reentry Grant Field Representative, at ian.silva@bscc.ca.gov for further assistance.

Public Comment

If you are not interested in seeking membership on the ARG ESC but you would like to provide public comments, you may email your public comments to ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov. Public comments received at this email address will be provided to the ESC for consideration. You can also provide public comment at the ARG ESC meetings.
