

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
– Small Jurisdiction Allocation Recommendation: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board authorization to award the “Less Than \$10,000 Allocation” for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) to fund its specialized task forces for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2027. Specifically, this will authorize \$1,100,600 for FY 2023 and then future “Less Than \$10,000 Allocations” for the FFY 2024-2027 JAG awards, consistent with the time frame of the current JAG Multi-Year State Strategy.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated State Administering Agency for the JAG Program (Pen. Code, § 6024, subd. (f)), which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Separate from the State JAG Program administered by BSCC, BJA also administers a JAG Program that makes awards directly to local jurisdictions based on population. However, due to their small size, these jurisdictions would be ineligible for a direct JAG award, and instead, would be eligible for less than \$10,000. As such, BJA requires states to either 1) provide this funding to state law enforcement departments that provide criminal justice services to the less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions within the state, and/or 2) subaward the funds to such jurisdictions.

In past JAG awards, BSCC has awarded its Less Than \$10,000 Allocations to CA DOJ (i.e., a state law enforcement department) to fund specialized task forces. The current CA DOJ task forces associated with the Less than \$10,000 Allocation are listed below and described in greater detail in Attachment B-1:

- High Impact Investigation Team (HIIT)
- Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA)
- Placer County Special Investigation Unit (Placer SIU)
- Merced Area Gang and Narcotic Enforcement Team (MAGNET)

On September 8, 2022, the Board approved the BSCC’s JAG Multi-Year State Strategy as incorporated into the JAG Request for Proposals. This State Strategy did not address the Less Than \$10,000 Allocations.

On September October 4, 2023, the BSCC accepted the FFY 2023 JAG award (Attachment B-2), which included a required pass-through of \$1,100,600 for the Less Than \$10,000 Allocation. If the Board approves, these funds will be awarded to CA DOJ to fund the task forces listed above. The agreements for the FFY 2023 funds would begin on July 15, 2024, and run through September 30, 2026.

Additionally, BSCC's JAG Multi-Year State Strategy would be amended to address the Less Than \$10,000 Allocations to CA DOJ through FFY 2027 (see Attachment B-3).

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the award of the FFY 2023 Less Than \$10,000 JAG funding to the California Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,100,600 for agreements that will run from July 15, 2024, through September 30, 2026
2. Approve future awards (in FFY 2024-2027) of the Less Than \$10,000 JAG funding to the California Department of Justice, consistent with the BSCC's Multi-Year State Strategy.
3. Approve the amendment to the BSCC's JAG Multi-Year State Strategy to reflect these allocations.

Attachments

- B-1: California Department of Justice – "Less than \$10K" Task Force Descriptions
- B-2: 2023 Justice Assistance Grant Award
- B-3: Multi-Year Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) California State Strategy (Amended)