

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests the establishment of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals for Cohort 4 of the Adult Reentry Grant Program (ARG). Staff is requesting that the Board designate a Chair to oversee the grant-development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership if needed.

Background

The Adult Reentry Grant provides funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison. The ARG Program was established in the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and has received ongoing annual funding since that time, with which BSCC has administered more than \$281 million in grants through three rounds of funding (Cohorts 1 through 3).

Assembly Bill 102 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023), which amended the Budget Act of 2023, and the Budget Act of 2024 (Assembly Bill 107, Chapter 22, Statutes of 2024) appropriated \$57 million in each budget to the BSCC to administer the ARG program (Attachments C-1 and C-2). Including the \$7.8 million in ARG funding that remains unallocated from Cohort 3, there is approximately \$121 million available for Cohort 4, which will be equally split between Rental Assistance and Warm Handoff and Reentry Services as prescribed by budget language. BSCC will retain a portion of the funding for administrative costs not to exceed 5 percent.

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, Staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. In addition, the ESC's composition will reflect the relevant stakeholder experience as prescribed by the Budget Acts. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for Cohort 4 of the ARG Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
Board Appoints Chair and Authorizes Staff to Begin ESC Process	July 11, 2024
ESC Recruitment and Formation	July-August 2024
RFP Development	September-November 2024
Present the RFP for BSCC Board Approval	November 2024
Release the RFP to the Field	November 2024
Bidders' Conference	December 2024
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2025
Proposal Rating Process	March-May 2025
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 2025
Grants Begin	July 1, 2025

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Adult Reentry Grant Executive Steering Committee.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed.
3. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with the development of the RFP.
4. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the ARG Request for Proposals and to make funding recommendations.

Attachments

C-1: AB 102 amending the Budget Act of 2023 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023)

C-2: AB 107 Budget Act of 2024 (Chapter 22, Statutes of 2024)