

DATE: February 13, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Cohort 2, Release of Requests for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a new Request for Proposals (RFP; Attachment E-1) in the amount of \$11,246,714 for Cohort 2 of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Eligible applicants are California cities and counties.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administering agency for the Byrne SCIP Program, which is funded through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The Byrne SCIP program provides federal funding to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. This RFP implements the pass-through funding for units of local government required by the BJA. The court-related aspects of the Byrne SCIP Program are being addressed in a separate subaward to the Judicial Council of California, unrelated to this RFP.

On November 21, 2024, the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board (Attachment E-2) approved the updated Project and Budget Plan for Byrne SCIP funding (Attachment E-3), which included the development and release of an RFP for units of local government. The BJA approved the Program and Budget Plan on December 9, 2024. As detailed in the approved plan, this RFP combines \$6,132,845 in FFY 2024 funds with \$5,113,869 in FFY 2023/2024 funds that were not awarded in the prior RFP process.

Applicants will be allowed to request up to \$500,000 for small-scope projects and up to \$1,000,000 for large-scope projects. Applicants must 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);
- **PPA 2: Referrals to Community-Based Services for People in Crisis;**
- **PPA 3: Funding for Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives**

Successful applicants will be funded for a grant period from August 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027.

Staff requests that a Scoring Panel be convened in lieu of the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board to read and rate the proposals submitted in response to this RFP. If necessary, internal staff may also be used to supplement the Scoring Panel.

RFP Activities and Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Byrne SCIP Grant.

Activity	Date
Release Request for Proposals	February 13, 2025
Grant Information Session for Prospective Applicants	March 12, 2025
Proposals Due to the BSCC	April 7, 2025
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	April 2025 - July 2025
Present Funding Recommendations to Byrne SCIP Advisory Board	July 17, 2025
Grant Period Begins	August 1, 2025
Grant Service Project Period Ends	July 15, 2027
Final Evaluation Report Due and Grant Ends	September 30, 2027

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the release of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program, Cohort 2 RFP.
- Delegate authority to the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Chair to work with staff to establish a diverse Scoring Panel with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed, including the potential inclusion of BSCC staff as raters.
- Delegate authority to the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board to approve awards, and that awards approved by the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board shall have the same legal force and effect as if approved by the BSCC Board.

Attachments

- E-1: Byrne SCIP Request for Proposals
- E-2: Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Roster
- E-3: Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan