

DATE: April 10, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM:** B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), Cohort 1 – One-Year, No Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a one-year, no-cost extension for subgrantees funded under Cohort 1 of the federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) from September 30, 2026, to September 30, 2027. BSCC has already received approval from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for a one-year extension of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-23 funds tied to this award. Extending the corresponding subgrant agreements to September 30, 2027, would provide subgrantees additional time to achieve their project goals and fully expend the funds.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the designated State Administering Agency for the Byrne SCIP grant, which is federally funded through the BJA. The grant provides federal funding to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives.

The BSCC was first awarded the Byrne SCIP Grant with FFY 2022-23 funds on February 13, 2023, but awards to subgrantees were significantly delayed by the lengthy development and approval process required by the BJA. Prior to releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) and sub-awarding the funds, the BSCC had to establish and convene a SCIP Advisory Board comprised of specific membership, charged with the development of a Program and Budget Plan. The final Program and Budget Plan required formal approval of both the SCIP Advisory Board and the BJA. This process took several months to complete, with the SCIP Advisory Board approving the plan on September 14, 2023, and the BJA's approval being granted on November 8, 2023.

The Program and Budget Plan developed by the SCIP Advisory Board contained a two-pronged approach, that awarded Byrne SCIP funds as follows:

- \$17,262,026 to the Judicial Council of California (JCC) to fund local courts to fund programs that (1) address behavioral health needs for people in the criminal court system who are likely to use guns or be the victims of gun violence (via subawards to State Courts) and (2) to conduct an operational review to identify best practices for firearms relinquishment in criminal courts.
- \$5,581,064 to cities and counties to support programs in three Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

1. PPA 1: Communication, Education, Outreach, and Public Awareness (related to Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws and programs).
2. PPA 2: Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others.
3. PPA 3: Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns.

As a result of the lengthy development period described above, the JCC's RFP to state courts was not released until May 13, 2024, and the awarded projects did not begin until September 1, 2024. The BSCC released its RFP to California cities and counties on February 16, 2024, and the Cohort 1 grant period started on July 15, 2024.

The current end date for these subawards coincides with the federal award end date of September 30, 2026. Under this timeline, subgrantees have only approximately two years to implement their projects. Similar grants administered by BSCC typically provide for a minimum of three years so that subgrantees have sufficient time to implement and complete their projects.

On January 16, 2025, the BJA approved BSCC's request for a one-year, no-cost extension of the FY 2022-2023 SCIP award. This extends the reversion date to September 30, 2027. This request to extend the corresponding subgrant agreements to September 30, 2027, would provide subgrantees with the additional time necessary to achieve their goals and fully expend their awards.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve a one-year, no-cost extension for Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Cohort 1, extending the end date from September 30, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Attachment

B-1: List of SCIP Recipients