

**MEETING DATE:** June 13, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM: B**

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Youth Reinvestment Grant Funding Recommendations:  
**Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program funding awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) (roster provided in Attachment B-1). The YRG ESC met on June 4, 2019 to finalize recommendations for funding. If the proposed list of grantees is approved the grant period will begin on July 1, 2019. Proposals recommended for funding include 30 Cities/Counties. A list of all proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment B-2.

### Background

The Youth Reinvestment Grant Program was established in the 2018 State Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and the related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2018) and provides \$36.2 million in grant funding as follows:

1. \$35,062,000 to cities/counties for implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate diversion programs in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests and high rates of racial/ethnic disproportionality within those juvenile arrests.
2. \$1,119,000 to Indian tribes for implementing diversion programs for Indian children using trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.

### Key Components of the Youth Diversion Grant (City/County Funding)

- Eligible applicants for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program were California cities and counties. Applicants must designate a Lead Public Agency to receive up to 10 percent of the grant funds to coordinate grant activities locally. In addition, applicants must pass through 90 percent of the grant funds to community-based organizations to deliver diversion services.
- The ESC determined that grant funds would be set aside into four categories: small (20%), medium (20%), large counties (20%), and highest rated proposals (40%). The Board received one small county proposal, eight applications from medium counties, or the cities within those counties, and 35 applications from large counties and the cities

within those counties that competed with the other large counties. The highest rated qualified proposals that did not receive an award in the small, medium, or large categories, will receive any remaining funding.

- Applicants were allowed to request between \$50,000 and \$1 million in any one application, but cities and counties were allowed to submit multiple applications, including regional applications.
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of July 1, 2019 through February 28, 2023.
- The target population to be served are youth who are under the age of 18 (at the time of participant enrollment), located in underserved communities, who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system or of further involvement in the system.
- Diversion services provided under this grant will be trauma-informed, evidence-based, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate.
- Preference points were awarded to those proposals that specifically incorporated the provision of diversion services to Native American youth.

### Executive Steering Committee

On July 12, 2018, Board Members David Steinhart and Mark Varela were appointed as co-chairs of the Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC.

Key activities that have occurred since these appointments include:

- A 14-member<sup>1</sup> committee was formed and convened October 9-10 and November 15-16 to develop the Request for Proposals for the YRG Program.
- The Board approved the release of the Youth Reinvestment Grant Request for Proposals on January 17, 2019 with a proposal due date of March 29, 2019. (Attachment B-3)
- Forty-four cities/counties submitted timely, complete proposals requesting \$41,520,211. (Attachment B-4)
- On May 2, 2019 the ESC convened to receive training on the rating of proposals.
- The ESC convened on June 4, 2019 to develop the funding recommendations to the Board.
- Project descriptions for those cities/counties recommended for award are included as Attachment B-5.

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to ESC formation, two members resigned.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed**

On behalf of the Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC, staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

1. Fully fund 30 city/county proposals (Attachment B-2) totaling \$29,102,880 for projects providing youth diversion services. This includes:
  - 1 project in small counties or the cities within those counties;
  - 7 projects in medium counties or the cities within those counties;
  - 6 projects in large counties or the cities within those counties; and
  - 16 of the highest rated projects regardless of location.

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**Attachments**

B-1: ESC Roster

B-2: List of Proposals Recommended for Funding

B-3: Youth Reinvestment Grant Request for Proposals

B-4: List of City/County Applicants

B-5: Project Descriptions for Proposals Recommended for Funding