

DATE: February 8, 2018 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the proposed Request for Proposals (Attachment E-1) for the Proud Parenting Grant Program, as recommended by its Executive Steering Committee (Attachment E-2).

Background

The Proud Parenting Grant Program, previously known as the Young Men as Fathers Program, originally was established in 1997 under the California Youth Authority. In 2005, the Corrections Standards Authority assumed grant administration responsibility for the program, and in 2012, the Board of State and Community Corrections, upon its establishment, assumed responsibility. This grant program funds parenting services to young parents between the ages of 14 and 25 who were involved in the criminal or juvenile justice systems and/or are considered crossover youth within the child welfare system. The Proud Parenting Grant Program is aimed at breaking the intergenerational cycle of violence and delinquency by increasing parenting knowledge, improving attitudes about responsible parenting and relationships between parents and their children, as well as providing necessary life-skills training and increasing self-esteem of the youthful program participants.

The annual state budget historically provides \$835,000 for the Proud Parenting Grant Program. This Request for Proposals (RFP), if approved for release, would use funds appropriated in the next three fiscal years (FYs), beginning with the 2018-19 State Budget Act. There are no administrative funds provided for this program.

On June 8, 2017, the Board approved the formation of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of the Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP and grant recommendations, appointed as chair Michael Ertola, Board Member and Chief Probation Officer of Nevada County, and delegated authority to Chief Ertola to establish an ESC membership and to modify membership if needed.

The Proud Parenting Grant Program ESC convened on November 1, 2017 to develop the RFP, which is now provided for the Board's consideration.

Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants for the Proud Parenting Grant Program are County Probation Departments, County Offices of Education, and not-for-profit community-based organizations located within California. Only one application per entity may be submitted for funding consideration.
- Subject to an FY 2018-19 budget appropriation, \$835,000 in state funding will be available to successful applicants for the first year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- Continuation funding for the second year (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) and the third year (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) will be issued to awardees contingent upon the amount and availability of state funding and on compliance with the Proud Parenting Grant Program requirements.
- Applicants may request a maximum of \$104,375 in each of the three years of the grant cycle, subject to the budget appropriations.
- A 10 percent in-kind match is required for all grant funds requested.
- The target population to be served by the Proud Parenting Grant are youth who are under the age of 25 (at time of project participation enrollment), are currently parents or expectant parents, and have been previously involved in the criminal/juvenile justice systems and/or are considered crossover youth within the child welfare system.

RFP Activities and Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities for the Proud Parenting Grant Program.

| Activity | Date |
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| RFP Presented for Board Approval | February 8, 2018 |
| Release Request for Proposals | February 9, 2018 |
| Bidders' Conference | March 1, 2018 |
| Proposals Due to the BSCC (7 weeks) | March 30, 2018 |
| Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations by ESC | April - May 2018 |
| Present Funding Recommendations to Board | June 7, 2018 |
| Grants Begin | July 1, 2018 |

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and authorize release of the Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP as recommended by the ESC.

Attachments

E-1: Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals

E-2: Proud Parenting Executive Steering Committee Roster