

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2019 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety (PH&S) Grant Program. Staff is also requesting 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

In November of 2016, voters approved Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The Act, in pertinent part, provides that a portion of the tax revenue will be appropriated:

To the Board of State and Community Corrections for making grants to local governments to assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programs addressing public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The board shall not make any grants to local governments which have banned the cultivation, including personal cultivation [...] or retail sale of marijuana or marijuana products [...]. (Rev & Tax. Code, § 34019, subd. (f)(3)(C).)

Examples of programs that could be funded include: prevention and intervention programs focused on youth; law enforcement including task forces to address illegal cultivation and sales; and fire protection issues.

The BSCC will receive its first appropriation of approximately \$26 million in late 2019 for this ongoing grant program. The BSCC is permitted to use up to five percent of this appropriation for administrative costs.

Proposed Activities

Upon approval of a Chair and in consultation with the Chair, staff will convene an ESC of relevant subject-matter expert stakeholders representing both the public and private sectors. The BSCC will reach out to known experts and invite any interested person to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website (http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccescsseekingmembership.php). The BSCC will establish an ESC membership representing diverse professional and lived experience, geographical regions, and demographics.

The ESC will meet to develop the Request for Proposals (RFP) within the framework of any statutes or other external requirements. The ESC will subsequently rate proposals and develop funding recommendations for the Board's approval.

The proposed activities and a corresponding tentative timeline for the development of the Proposition 64 PH&S Grant Program is shown in the following table:

Tentative Timeline	Activity
July 11, 2019	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
TBD	Establish the Prop 64 (PH&S) Grant Program ESC
TBD	RFP development by ESC
TBD	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
TBD	Release the RFP to the field
TBD	Bidders' Conference
TBD	Proposals due to BSCC
TBD	ESC Rater Training
TBD	ESC rating of proposals complete
TBD	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair of the Proposition 64 PH&S Grant ESC.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish an ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership, if needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the Proposition 64 PH&S Grant Program RFP and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

E-1: Revenue and Taxation Code, Division 2, Part 14.5. Cannabis Tax, Section 34019