

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: G

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehabilitation of Existing Property
Approval of Grant Development Process: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests that the Board appoint a Chair of a Scoring Committee and approve the grant-development process for the component Adult Reentry Grant Program – Rehabilitation of Existing Housing.

Background

The Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statute of 2018) established the Adult Reentry Grant Program and appropriated \$50,000,000 in funding (Attachment G-1). Pursuant to SB 840, the Board of State and Community Corrections is required to award competitive grants to community-based organizations (CBOs) to support persons formerly incarcerated in state prison. Funding was to be allocated as follows:

- \$25,000,000 for rental assistance;
- \$15,000,000 for the rehabilitation of existing property or buildings for housing offenders released from prison;
- \$9,350,000 to support the “warm hand-off” and reentry of offenders transitioning from prison to communities;
- \$150,000 to support the Berkeley Underground Scholars Initiative; and
- \$500,000 to the BSCC for costs to administer the grant programs and report on program outcomes.

As described in Agenda Item B, the rehabilitation of existing property component was pulled out of the larger grant development process and set aside as a single component. Following extensive consultation with subject matter experts, staff has determined that the program should be established in a way that ensures that the projects are feasible for BSCC administration and oversight. The RFP will be consistent with the ARG program: eligible applicants would be nonprofit non-governmental organizations and grant amounts would be between \$3 million and \$5 million. Staff recommends the following Grant Development Process:

- Approval for staff to draft the Request for Proposals and post it on the BSCC website for a 30-day public comment period.
- Appointment of Chair and permission to convene a Scoring Committee, with ARG ESC members given priority (Attachment G-2).

- Staff will review public comment, update of the RFP as needed, and then a return to the Board for approval as soon as possible.
- If approved, release of the RFP to the field for four to five weeks.
- The Scoring Committee to rate the proposals and develop funding recommendations
- Tentatively, funding recommendations would come to the Board at its November meeting and, subject to Board approval, the grant cycle could be effective in November. However, as a contingency, if the timeline does not proceed as planned, the award recommendations would go to Board at its January 2020 meeting

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Adult Reentry Grant Program – Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Component, staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

- Appoint a Chair for the Scoring Committee
- Approve the Grant-Development Process

Attachments

G-1: Budget Act 2018 - Senate Bill 840

G-2: Adult Reentry Grant Executive Steering Committee Roster