

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: 2019 Youth Reinvestment 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 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program (2019 YRG). Staff is requesting that the Board designate an ESC Chair to oversee the grant-development process; authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant juvenile justice subject-matter expertise, such as diversion, behavioral health, delinquency, trauma informed care and education; and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership as needed.

Background

Assembly Bill 74, the 2019 Budget Act (Attachment B-1), established the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program and appropriated \$5 million for this program. An additional \$5.9 million is expected to be available from funds remaining after the Board approved fully funding all eligible applicants in the first round of the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program in June 2019. The BSCC may use up to 3 percent of the \$5 million appropriation for its administrative costs.

As required by statute, the 2019 YRG funds will be awarded to local jurisdictions and community-based organizations (CBOs) through a competitive grant process for implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate diversion programs. Prior statute limited eligibility for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program to local jurisdictions only.

The purpose of the 2019 YRG is consistent with the prior program, which is to support local efforts to divert youth away from the juvenile justice system by providing alternatives to arrest, incarceration, and formal involvement in the justice system. Although the enabling legislation has not yet been signed into law¹, it is anticipated that grantees will be awarded grant funds in amounts no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$2 million and will be required to provide a 25-percent match. That match can be reduced to 10 percent if a local jurisdiction identifies a high need with low-or-no local infrastructure for diversion programming. Local jurisdictions must pass 90 percent of any awarded funds to CBOs to deliver services.

¹ Assembly Bill 1454 (Jones-Sawyer) is anticipated to be the bill that enacts the 2019-20 YRG Program.

Funds allocated for this new grant are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2022.

Proposed Activities:

Below are the proposed activities for the development of Youth Reinvestment Grant Program.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
July 11, 2019	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
TBD	Establish the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC
TBD	RFP development
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

Upon the Board's approval of this agenda item, staff will establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise. Staff will post information about this ESC on the BSCC website and solicit statements of interest from stakeholders and subject-matter experts wishing to serve as members of the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC. Special consideration will be given to former Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC members.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair of the ESC.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program Request for Proposals and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

B-1: AB 74 - Budget Act