

MEETING DATE: November 14, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant, Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment C-1) developed by the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Executive Steering Committee (Attachment C-2). This RFP does not include the Tribal Youth Diversion program, which will be addressed in Agenda Item D.

Background

The Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program originally was established in the 2018 Budget Act and the related trailer bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1812. This year, \$10.9 million in funding is available for this grant as described below (2019 Budget Act, Attachment C-3). Program amendments were enacted through the passage of AB 1454 (Attachment C-4).

The first round of YRG funding included \$35 million for cities and counties to implement 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. In that first round, it was required that cities and counties selected for funding pass through 90 percent of the awarded funds to community-based organizations.

The second round of funding includes \$10.9 million that is derived from:

- \$5 million in new funding included in the 2019 Budget Act and
- \$5.9 million in funding that was appropriated in the 2018 Budget Act but not awarded under the first RFP.

The \$10.9 million is available as follows:

- \$10.5 million for new youth diversion grants and
- \$400,000 for the BSCC's administrative costs, including the statewide evaluation.

The 2019 YRG funds will be awarded to local governmental entities and community-based organizations (CBOs) through a competitive process. 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 by implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed,

culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate interventions. AB 1454 allows applicants to request amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$2 million. Matching funds of 10 or 25 percent are required, with the 10 percent applying to jurisdictions with a high need but low-or-no local infrastructure for diversion programming. Any government entities funded through the 2019 YRG must pass through 90 percent of awarded funds to CBOs to deliver services.

At its July 11, 2019 meeting, the Board appointed David Steinhart to serve as chair of the 2019 YRG Executive Steering Committee. In addition, the Board authorized the ESC to oversee the grant-development process and authorized BSCC staff to work with the ESC chair to assemble the rest of the ESC for this purpose. The BSCC invited the original YRG ESC members to continue with this new process while also providing an opportunity for others interested in serving on the ESC to submit a statement of interest. A diverse group of subject-matter experts – some new and some returning – was assembled, representing various disciplines and geographic areas of California. On September 18-19, 2019, the ESC met and developed key decisions relative to this grant. Those decisions are reflected in the attached RFP.

Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program are local government entities and community-based organizations in California. Government applicants must pass through 90 percent of the grant funds to community-based organizations to deliver diversion services.
- Grant funds will be split into three categories, with applicants in each category competing only against other applicants in that category. The funds are split as follows:
 - \$2,500,000 for applicants requesting less than \$600,000
 - \$4,000,000 for applicants requesting \$600,000 to \$1.2 million
 - \$4,000,000 for applicants requesting more than \$1.2 million
- A maximum of \$2 million may be requested by any one applicant.
- Since the total funds available are considerably less than last year, applicants may not submit multiple applications. Similarly, applicants funded in the first round may not apply in the second round. CBOs that are receiving pass-through funds from the first round may not apply in the second round.
- To receive funding, an application must score at least 60 percent of the total available points.
- Applicants are required to provide a 25 percent cash or in-kind match; however, those with high need but little-or-no existing diversion infrastructure may request a 10 percent match.

- 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 would otherwise be facing entry to the juvenile justice system or further involvement in the system.
- Diversion services provided under this grant must be trauma-informed, evidence-based, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate.
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of three years – July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
July 11, 2019	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
July – August 2019	Establish the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC
September - October 2019	RFP development
November 14, 2019	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
November 14, 2019	Release the RFP to the field
December 2019	Bidders Conference
February 14, 2020	Proposals due to BSCC
March 2020	ESC Rater Training
May 2020	ESC rating of proposals complete
June 11, 2020	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
July 1, 2020	New grants begin

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve and authorize release of the RFP as recommended by the ESC.

Attachments

C-1: 2019 YRG Request for Proposals

C-2: 2019 YRG Executive Steering Committee Member Roster

C-3: YRG 2019 Budget Act Language

C-4: AB 1454 – 2019 YRG Statutes