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AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proud Parenting Grant Program, No-Cost Extensions: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a no-cost, six-month extension for all grantees funded under the Proud Parenting Grant Program (PPGP). These grantees experienced significant barriers to the continuity of services due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including but not limited to the mandatory stay-at-home Executive Order and the closing of schools beginning with the 2020 spring quarter. The extensions would compensate for the interruption or loss of service time as well as the additional time spent in shifting from business-as-usual to implementing alternative methods for service, thus allowing grantees additional time to continue their programs under their new formats, spend down the grant funds, and claim in-kind matching funds in accordance with their Grant Agreements.

Background

Each year, the California State Budget Act appropriates local assistance grant funding in the amount of \$835,000 for parenting services to young parents and expectant parents, up to the age of 25 (at time of project participation enrollment), who were involved in the criminal/juvenile justice systems and/or considered crossover youth within the child welfare system. The three-year PPGP contracts commenced on July 1, 2018 and are currently scheduled to end on June 30, 2021.

Grant recipients include five (5) Community-Based Organizations, one (1) County Office of Education, and one (1) Probation Department. Types of services previously halted and, in some cases still shuttered, include in-home services for the families, in-school curricula, in-custody programming, and continuity of - and links to - other services within the community as other CBOs are facing similar challenges. Attachment C-1 provides summaries of the current PPGP projects.

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the on-going challenges still impacting components of these programs, grantee spending has been slower, referral-systems have been interrupted, and participant retention has become more difficult with competing priorities for families. Additionally, the grant requires in-kind match contributions from outside partnerships; however, the continued impacts of not being able to share resources, providers teleworking, and some community resources unable to reopen have impacted these parenting-service projects. Providing an additional six (6) months to the current PPGP Grant Agreements will support projects in their recovery efforts by continuing to: reimagine methods for receiving referrals; improve engagement and maintaining client participation, strengthen remote service components and bolster community partnerships.

Recommendation/Action Needed

1. Staff recommends that the Board approve a no-cost, 6-month grant-term extension for all grantees currently funded under the Proud Parenting Grant Program.

Attachments

C-1: Proud Parenting Grant Programs Project Summaries