

MEETING DATE: July 12, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: D

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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

Background

The Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) (Attachment D-1) and the related trailer bill (Senate Bill 846, Chapter ##, Statutes of 2018). (Attachment D-2).

The Youth Reinvestment Grant Program will provide \$37.3 million over the next three years and allocated as follows:

- 94 percent, or \$35,062,000, must be awarded to local jurisdictions through a competitive grant process for implementing 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.
- Three percent, or \$1,119,000, must be awarded to Indian tribes for implementing diversion programs for Indian children using trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.
- Up to three percent, or \$1,119,000, may be used by the BSCC for the administration of the grant program.

The purpose of this new program is to support local efforts to divert youth away from the juvenile justice system and provide alternatives to arrest, incarceration, and formal involvement in the justice the system. Local jurisdictions will be awarded grant funds in amounts no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$1,000,000. Local jurisdictions competing for these funds will be required to provide a 25-percent match and 90 percent of any awarded

funds must be passed through to community-based organizations to deliver services in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests. The match requirement may be reduced to ten percent if the BSCC identifies a local jurisdiction with a high need with low or no local infrastructure for diversion programming. Applicant jurisdictions would designate a “lead public agency” that would be required to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, and nonprofit organizations to implement the local grant program.

As the administering agency, the BSCC is required to provide oversight and accountability for this grant program in coordination with the California Health and Human Services Agency and the California Department of Education. The BSCC is further required to fund and enter into a contract with a research firm or university to conduct a statewide evaluation of the grant program and to produce a report of grantees, projects, and outcomes at the state and local levels upon completion of the three-year period.

Funds allocated for this new grant are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2021.

Proposed Activities:

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

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
July 12, 2018	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
TBD	Establish the 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

As is always included in the ESC process, there will be opportunities for stakeholder and public input into the development of the Youth Reinvestment grant program throughout the process. Upon the Board’s approval of this agenda item, staff will post information about this ESC on the BSCC website

http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccecsseekingmembership.php and request statements from stakeholders and subject matter experts who are interested in being considered as members of the Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC. Statements of interest may be submitted through August 17, 2018 from anyone who would like to serve on the ESC.

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 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program Request for Proposals and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

D-1: Senate Bill 840 - Budget Bill Language

D-2: Senate Bill 846 - Youth Reinvestment Grant Program (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 1450-1455)