

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2020**AGENDA ITEM:** F**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Ricardo Goodridge, Deputy Director, ricardo.goodridge@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Indigent Defense Grant Program Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Indigent Defense Grant Program as recommended by the California State Public Defender's Office in consultation with the Board of State and Community Corrections and the Department of Finance. If the proposed list of recommendations is approved, 19 counties will receive \$9,800,000 for indigent defense services.

Background

The Budget Act of 2020 (Senate Bill 74) established the Indigent Defense Grant Program and appropriated \$10,000,000 in funding (Attachment F-1). Per the Budget Act, \$9,800,000 is available for grants to county Public Defenders and up to \$200,000 may be allocated for an evaluation of the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The \$9.8 million allocation will be distributed among 19 counties to help address the staffing, training, and case management needs of Public Defender Offices in counties with a population of 550,000 residents or fewer. This targeted approach is intended to maximize limited funding in small to medium counties. Funding will be allocated as shown below:

County	Allocation	County	Allocation
El Dorado County	\$347,900	Santa Barbara	\$637,000
Humboldt County	\$416,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$323,400 to PDO \$93,100 to ADO 	Shasta County	\$347,900
Imperial County	\$347,900	Siskiyou County	\$274,400
Lassen County	\$274,400	Solano County	\$852,600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$637,000 to PDO \$215,600 to ADO
Marin County	\$347,900	Sonoma County	\$882,000
Mendocino County	\$416,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$323,400 to PDO \$93,100 to ADO 	Stanislaus County	\$1,127,000
Merced County	\$984,900	Tulare County	\$637,000
Monterey County	\$637,000	Tuolumne County	\$274,400
Napa County	\$323,400	Yolo County	\$347,900
Nevada County	\$323,400		

ADO - Alternate Defender Office

PDO - Public Defender Office

In addition, BSCC will collaborate with the California State Public Defender's Office on the development of an external evaluation that measures the impact of the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the California State Public Defender's Office, staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program Funding Recommendations; and
- Authorize staff to contract for an external evaluation of the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Attachments

F-1: Budget Act of 2020 - Senate Bill 74