

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: G

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant Warm Handoff Request for Proposals Approval:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the updated Request for Proposals for the Cohort II Adult Reentry Grant Warm Handoff grant program that includes staff edits and technical changes.

Background

Adult Reentry Grant

The Adult Reentry Grant program provides funding for community-based organizations to deliver reentry services for people formerly incarcerated in state prison. The grant was initially established in the [Budget Act of 2018](#) (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and provided \$50 million in funding for three components of reentry services as follows:

- \$25,000,000 for rental assistance
- \$9,350,000 for warm handoff
- \$15,000,000 for rehabilitation of existing property or buildings (Attachment G-1)

The Budget Act of 2019 (Assemble Bill 74, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019) provided an additional \$32,950,000 divided equally between rental assistance and warm handoff ([Attachment G-2](#)) and, when added to the original allocation of grant funds, increased the total available funding as follows:

- \$40,651,250 for rental assistance
- \$25,001,250 for warm handoff

In July 2019, the Board approved 69 grant awards for both the rental assistance and warm handoff categories.

The Budget Act of 2020 (Assembly Bill 89, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020) appropriated additional funding in the amount of \$37,000,000, divided equally between the rental assistance and warm handoff programs ([Attachment G-3](#)) and allocated funding as follows:

- \$17,575,000 for Rental Assistance
- \$17,575,000 for Warm Handoff
- \$1,850,000 to the BSCC for costs to administer the grant

Request for Proposals: Warm Hand-Off Cohort II

The BSCC typically begins its Executive Steering Committee (ESC) process a year prior to making award recommendations to the Board. However, at the September 2020 Board Meeting, staff recommended that the RFP development process be expedited because of the additional urgency for reentry resources due to COVID-19 housing instability and the resulting early releases of individuals from state prison. In addition, because the initial RFP was developed only a year ago and no detailed feedback is available, substantive changes to the prior RFP were not warranted at that time. The Board approved staff's recommendation to make minor technical edits to the RFP in track changes and post for a 30-Day Public Comment Period so that the minor technical edits were easily identifiable in the review process.

Staff made the technical edits and the RFP was posted to the BSCC website on September 23, 2020 and remained available for public comment through October 23, 2020. One public comment was submitted from Community Solutions, Inc. Those comments were provided to the Board on September 10, 2020 and September 24, 2020. No additional comments were received during this public comment period.

Attached (Attachment G-5) is the proposed final copy of the RFP. Staff is requesting that the Board accept those changes and grant approval to release the RFP to the field.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Accept the staff edits and technical changes to the RFP; and
2. Approve the release of the Adult Reentry Grant Program Warm Handoff Cohort II RFP.

Attachments

G-1: Budget Act 2018 - Senate Bill 840

G-2: Budget Act 2019 - Assembly Bill 74

G-3: Budget Act 2020 - Assembly Bill 74

G-4: Public Comment Attachments

G-5: Final Revised Adult Reentry Grant RFP Warm Handoff Cohort II