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AGENDA ITEM: H

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to award the remaining \$53 million of a \$209 million one-time allocation for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program. On June 9, 2022, the Board approved funding recommendations for 79 proposals totaling \$156,209,171. After all eligible proposals were funded, \$53,440,829 remained. A CalVIP Request for Proposals was re-released to allocate the remaining funding to eligible applicants.

If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, a total of 29 more proposals will be funded. Five proposals were submitted by cities disproportionately impacted by violence, 15 were submitted by community-based organizations, and nine were submitted by small scope CBOs. A list of proposals recommended for funding by the CalVIP Scoring Panel (Attachment H-1) is provided in Attachment H-2. Corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment H-3.

Background

Formerly known as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant (CalGRIP)¹, the State Legislature established the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program in FY 2017-18. CalVIP encouraged select cities disproportionately impacted by violence to develop local approaches that best meet the diverse needs of each community in reducing violent crime. In 2019, the CalVIP Grant Program was codified as the Break the Cycle of Violence Act (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), and established the authority and duties of the BSCC in administering the program, including the selection criteria for grants and reporting requirements to the Legislature.

Historically, the CalVIP Grant Program has received approximately \$9 million each year. In FY 2021-2022, the Legislature appropriated a \$200 million one-time augmentation across fiscal years (FY) 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 to enhance the CalVIP Grant Program, in addition to the \$9 million annual allocation.

The Board of State and Community Corrections is required to award competitive grants to California cities and community-based organizations to support violence intervention and prevention initiatives. All successful city applicants must pass through to one or more CBOs

¹ CalGRIP was first funded in the FY 2007-08 budget.

a minimum of 50 percent of grant funds received. All successful applicants must provide a 100 percent cash or in-kind match to support and enhance activities funded by the grant. The City of Los Angeles may apply for up to \$2 million on a non-competitive basis.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), also known as the *Break the Cycle of Violence Act*, (Attachment H-5) was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2019. AB 1603 limits the eligibility for CalVIP grants to cities in California that are disproportionately impacted by violence and the CBOs that serve them.

As defined by AB 1603, a city is disproportionately impacted by violence if any of the following are true:

1. The city experienced 20 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
2. The city experienced 10 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three years prior to the grant application and had a homicide rate that was at least 50 percent higher than the statewide homicide rate during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
3. The applicant otherwise demonstrated a unique and compelling need for additional resources to address the impact of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults in the applicant's community.

Request for Proposals History

On June 9, 2022, the Board approved a staff recommendation to fully fund the proposals of 50 CBOs requesting \$101,259,358 -- 14 CBO proposals in the Small Scope Category totaling \$5,263,775; and 15 city proposals totaling \$49,686,038 for a combined total of \$156,209,171 with funding from the FY 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts. In addition, the City of Los Angeles was awarded \$6,000,000 non-competitively as prescribed by statute with funding from the FY 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts. After fully funding all eligible proposals, approximately \$53 million remained.

Modified Request for Proposals Process

On June 9, 2022, the Board approved staff to re-release the CalVIP Request for Proposals with approximately \$53 million in leftover funding and appointed Board Member Andrew Mills as Chair of the CalVIP Scoring Committee. The BSCC received a total of 64 proposals requesting \$129,000,000 in funding. After BSCC staff conducted a technical review, 55 proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the CalVIP Scoring Panel for funding consideration. Once all Scoring Panel scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding. A total of 29 proposals are recommended for funding. This includes five that were submitted by cities disproportionately impacted by violence, 15 submitted by community-based organizations (CBOs), and nine submitted by small scope CBOs. A list of proposals recommended for funding by the CalVIP Scoring Panel is provided as Attachment H-2.

CalVIP Funding

Staff requests that the Board approve awards using the remaining \$53 million available in funding from FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, and FY 2023-24 to fund the maximum number of applicants.

The funding amount was distributed across three categories, as shown in Table 1 below. Applicants were eligible to apply for any amount up to and including the maximum grant amount in one of the three categories.

Table 1. CalVIP Funding

Funding Category	Maximum Grant Amount	Available Funding
Category 1: Competitive Grants to Cities	\$6,000,000	\$25,437,834
Category 2: Competitive Grants to CBOs	\$6,000,000	\$25,437,834
Category 3: Competitive Grants to Small Scope CBOs	\$400,000	\$2,565,161
Total Funding Available for Competitive Grants		\$53,440,829

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the CalVIP ESC and using FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, and FY 2023-24 CalVIP appropriations, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund five city proposals, 14 CBO, and eight small scope CBO proposals for programs and initiatives to prevent and reduce violence.
- Partially fund Urban Peace Institute and Hope Now for Youth, Inc., which fell at the funding cut-off on the CBO and Small Scope CBO rank ordered list.
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes an award, first by offering funds to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s); and
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determines during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle.

Attachments

- H-1: CalVIP Scoring Panel Roster
- H-2: Proposals Recommended for Funding
- H-3: CalVIP Proposal Summaries
- H-4: Budget Language FY 2021-22
- H-5: AB 1603 Language
- H-6: CalVIP Request for Proposals