

TO: Chair and Members

DATE: July 10, 2014

**SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for the California
Gang Reduction, Intervention, and
Prevention Program (CalGRIP) Funded
through the State Budget Act.
Requesting Approval and Release.**

AGENDA ITEM: D

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

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Summary:

This agenda item requests approval to release the 2015/2017 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CalGRIP, attached, as recommended by the Standing Committee at its May 23, 2014 meeting.

Background:

In 2007, the governor initiated the CalGRIP program as an anti-gang initiative to help communities support various prevention, intervention or suppression strategies to reduce gang and youth violence. The CalGRIP provides funding to cities using a local collaborative approach for gang prevention, intervention, education and/or suppression activities. A balance of prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies is important for success in any community. Prevention programs target youth at risk of gang involvement and help reduce the number of youth who join gangs. Intervention programs and strategies provide sanctions and services for younger youth who are actively involved in gangs to push them away from gangs. Law enforcement suppression strategies and intensive services target and rehabilitate the most violent gangs and older, criminally active gang members.

Funding

The funding authority for the CalGRIP Program comes from the State Budget Act which appropriates \$9,215,000 in State Restitution funds annually; \$8,215,000 to California cities through a competitive process.

The City of Los Angeles is allocated \$1 million through a non-competitive Request for Application process.

Grant Requirements

- At least two grants shall be awarded to cities with populations of 200,000 or less.
- No grant shall exceed \$500,000.
- Preference shall be given to regional approaches.
- Grants require collaboration with local juvenile justice coordinating councils, and must establish an advisory council with specified representation to help prioritize the use of the funds.
- 20 percent of the funds received by grantees shall be distributed to community based organizations.

- Applicants are required to provide programs, practices, and strategies that have a demonstrated evidence base and are appropriate for the target population.
- A 10% minimum of grant funding must be dedicated to the project and evaluation outcomes.
- Requires a 100% match (cash, in-kind or combination).

Currently there are 34 grants that were put into grant award by the BSCC, 14 for the 2012/2013 funding cycle and 20 for the 2013/2014 funding cycle.

In January 2013, the Board authorized the establishment of a Standing Committee on Gang Issues and appointed Board member David Maggard as the chair of the committee. The purpose of the standing committee is to support the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for addressing gang problems pursuant to BSCC’s legislative mandates pertaining to gangs. In March 2014 the Board granted approval to use the Standing Committee on Gang Issues as the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the CalGRIP Grant. In addition, the Board approved a 3-Year grant funding cycle strategy beginning with the 2014/2015 fiscal year (FY) state allocation. The committee met on May 23, 2014 and identified recommendations for the 2015/2017 CalGRIP RFP.

RFP Activities and Timeline:

The timeline below details the release of the RFP, rating activities, and award recommendations:

ACTIVITY	TENTATIVE TIMELINE
Present the RFP to the Standing Gang Committee on Gang Issues for approval	June 13, 2014
Present the RFP to the BSCC for approval	July 10, 2014
Release of RFP to the field	July 25, 2014
RFP due to BSCC	September 5, 2014
BSCC staff technical review of proposals completed	September 19, 2014
ESC training and rating of proposals completed	October 30, 2014
Present funding recommendations to the BSCC	November 13, 2014
Project period begins	January 1, 2015
Project directors meeting	January 15, 2015
Project period ends	December 31, 2017

Recommendation/Action Needed:

1. Approve the release of the 2015/2017 Request for Proposals for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP), as recommended by the Standing Committee at its May 23, 2014.

Attachments:

- A. California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CALGRIP) Program – Request for Proposals: Application Packet
- B. Bibliography of resource materials