

DATE: September 22, 2016 **AGENDA ITEM:** F

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposed Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Grant Chair and 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 Proposal (RFP) for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Pilot Program. Staff is also requesting the following: that the Board approve the appointment of board member Chief David Bejarano as Chair of the ESC to oversee the grant development process; to permit staff to work with the ESC Chair to finalize the draft list of ESC members (Attachment F-1); and to delegate authority to the Chair to modify the ESC membership if needed.

Background

Senate Bill 843, chaptered on June 27, 2016, established the LEAD Pilot Program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to “improve public safety and reduce recidivism by increasing the availability and use of social service resources while reducing costs to law enforcement agencies and courts stemming from repeated incarceration” (attachment F-2). The LEAD Pilot Project will be administered by BSCC through a competitive-bid process. Modeled after the LEAD Project in Seattle, Washington, three jurisdictions will be selected for a two-year pilot program that would divert willing low-level drug offenders and those arrested for prostitution to social service providers in lieu of prosecution. Services provided may include, but are not limited to, case management, housing, medical care, mental health care, treatment for alcohol or substance use disorders, nutritional counseling and treatment, psychological counseling, employment, employment training and education, civil legal services, and system navigation. It is expected that the grant award cycle will begin May 15, 2017 and end June 30, 2019. A report of the evaluation findings is required to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2020.

SB 843 appropriated \$15 million from the General Fund for the project and authorized the Board to spend up to \$550,000 of that amount for contracts with an outside evaluator such as a nonprofit research center or university to determine the program’s effectiveness and to contract with experts in the implementation of the LEAD program for the purpose of providing technical assistance to participating jurisdictions.

On July 11, 2016, in anticipation of the membership needed for the ESC, information was posted on the BSCC website inviting statements of interest for participation on the ESC for the LEAD Pilot Project. When the invitation process closed on August 5, 2016, 18 statements of interest had been submitted. A preliminary membership list was developed based on

subject-matter expertise, geography and diversity. Continued efforts are underway to make the list final and identify additional members needed to complete the roster.

Activities and Timeline:

Below is the proposed tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the LEAD Pilot Project.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
September 22, 2016	Present ESC agenda item to BSCC
October to November 2016	ESC convenes and RFP development occurs
November 17, 2016	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
November 18, 2016	Release the RFP to the field
December 7, 2016	Bidders Conference
February 1, 2017	Proposals due to BSCC staff by noon
March 2017	ESC rating of proposals completed
April 20, 2017	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
May 2017	Project begins
June 30, 2019	Grant period ends
January 2020	BSCC final report to the Governor and Legislature

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Authorize an ESC to oversee the development and release of the LEAD Pilot Program RFP and grant recommendations;
2. Appoint board member Chief David Bejarano to serve as Chair of the ESC;
3. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with staff to make final the draft list of ESC members and to add members as needed;
4. Approve the activities and tentative timeline associated with the RFP.

Attachments

F-1: Draft ESC Membership List

F-2: Senate Bill 843