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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant Executive Steering Committee Membership:  
**Requesting Approval**

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## Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Proposal (RF) for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) grant program. Staff is also requesting the following: that the Board approve the appointment of board member Chief Michelle Scray Brown 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 G-1); and to delegate authority to the Chair to modify the ESC membership if needed.

## Background

CalGRIP is a state-funded grant designed to reduce gang violence through prevention, intervention and suppression strategies. Eligibility for the grant is limited to California cities, with preference given to cities that incorporate regional approaches to anti-gang activities.

Since 2008, the Budget Act has annually appropriated \$9.215 million from the State Restitution Fund for CalGRIP awards (Attachment G-2). The Budget Act provides that the City of Los Angeles receives \$1 million of that amount, leaving the rest to be competitively allocated by the BSCC. In order to apply for the CalGRIP grant, the Budget Act further requires that cities establish a coordinating and advisory council to prioritize the use of funds, provide a dollar-for-dollar match and distribute at least 20 percent their award to one or more community-based organizations pursuant to the city's application.

The BSCC has historically used its Standing Committee on Gang Issues to serve as the CalGRIP ESC. However, the Standing Committee has not been active since the last round of grant awards and staff wanted to allow for continued participation by current members and provide an opportunity for any new interested persons to participate in the development of this latest grant cycle. Therefore, information was posted on the BSCC website inviting the public to submit statements of interest for participation on an ESC for the CalGRIP program. Staff also invited all current Standing Committee members to express interest. As a result of this, a draft 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.

The CalGRIP grant has historically operated on a 3-year calendar year cycle with grants awarded each year on January 1, which is midway through a city's fiscal year. Cities have long complained about this cycle, citing the difficulties associated with administering grant

funds that cross fiscal years. Reconciling annual expenditures is confusing and cumbersome, as is coordinating an audit of one grant that appears in two different audit reports. In order to align CalGRIP funding with both the state and local fiscal years and alleviate some of these challenges, the BSCC is moving the grant to a fiscal year cycle, with a July 1 start date. The grant will remain on a three-year cycle. Convening an ESC now and beginning development of the RFP will allow the BSCC to be ready to award the FY 2017-18 funds immediately on July 1, 2017, or upon budget enactment, whichever comes first. The last six months of the current cycle will overlap the first six months of the new cycle. This will be a one-time inconvenience for the grantees.

The CalGRIP grants have funded a number of programs. Attachment G-3 provides a description of current grants with preliminary accomplishments.

A tentative timeline showing activities leading up to the July 1 start date is shown here:

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Tentative Timeline</b>
1	Present ESC agenda item to Board	September 22, 2016
2	ESC meetings and RFP development	through January 2017
3	RFP presented to Board for approval and released to public	February 2017
4	Bidder's Conference(s)	March 2017
5	RFP responses due to the BSCC	April 2017
6	BSCC technical review/ESC rater training	April 2017
7	Scoring process and funding recommendations by ESC	May 2017
8	Present funding recommendations to Board	June 2017
9	Contract start date	July 1, 2017

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Authorize an ESC to oversee the development and release of the CalGRIP Program RFP and grant recommendations;
2. Appoint board member Chief Michelle Scray Brown to serve as the 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; and
4. Approve the activities and tentative timeline associated with the RFP.

### **Attachments**

G-1: California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Executive Steering Committee: Proposed Membership  
 G-2 – FY 2015-16 Budget Act  
 G-3: Current CalGRIP Grants: Project Descriptions and Preliminary Accomplishments