

**DATE:** September 17, 2015 **AGENDA ITEM:** G

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant, Request to Establish an Executive Steering Committee and Chair: **Requesting Approval**

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## Summary

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This agenda item requests that the Board appoint one of its members to serve as Chair of a Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations grant Executive Steering Committee (ESC). It further requests approval for the Chair and staff to establish this ESC to oversee the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) and to make recommendations to the Board on awards for the Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations grant. The ESC would include balanced and diverse membership from government entities, community based service providers and the formerly incarcerated community, among others.

Staff is recommending Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations as the grant name.

## Background

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The Budget Act of 2015 allocates \$6,000,000 to the BSCC to administer a new grant program. The Budget Act provides:

The Board of State and Community Corrections shall provide grants to local law enforcement for programs and initiatives intended to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve, including, but not limited to, providing training for front-line peace officers on issues such as implicit bias; funding for research to examine how local policing services currently are being delivered; assessing the state of law enforcement-community relations; comparing the status quo with the best practices in the policing profession; and receiving recommendations for moving forward, including the identification of policing models and operational options to improve policing; problem-oriented policing initiatives such as Operation Ceasefire; restorative justice programs that address the needs of victims, offenders, and the community; behavioral health training and any one-time costs associated with implementing, expanding, and maintaining a program designed to capture peace officer interactions with individuals in the community. The Board of State and Community Corrections may use up to 5 percent of the total amount available in this item to administer this program.

To receive a grant under this item, the applying agency shall be in full compliance with Section 11108 of the Penal Code with respect to firearms (Attachment G-1).

The BSCC will retain 5 percent of the allocation to administer the program. Approximately \$5,700,000 will be available through a competitive process.

### RFP Activities and Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations grant.

	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TENTATIVE TIMELINE</b>
1	Present ESC agenda item to Board	September 17, 2015
2	ESC meeting(s) to develop RFP/RFP development	November and December 2015
3	RFP presented to Board for approval and released to public	February 2016
4	Bidders Conference	February 2016
5	RFP responses due to the BSCC	March 2016
6	BSCC technical review/ESC rater training	March-April 2016
7	Rater review/scoring and recommendation development	March-April 2016
8	Present funding recommendations to Board	June 2016
9	Contract development	June 2016
10	Contract execution	June 2016
11	Contract start date	July 1, 2016

### Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Form an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development and release of the Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations grant Request for Proposals (RFP) and grant award recommendations.
2. Appoint a Board member to serve as Chair of the ESC.
3. Direct staff to post information about this ESC on the BSCC website and request statements of interest from anyone who would like to participate on the ESC.
4. Delegate authority to the ESC Chair and staff to name additional members to the ESC, to include representation from government entities, community based service providers and the formerly incarcerated community, among others.

### Attachments

G-1: Penal Code Section 11108