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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Grant Program: Executive Steering Committee's Funding Recommendations, Fiscal Year 2015-2016: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests approval for four (4) grant awards in the total amount of \$884,432 in Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program (42 U.S.C. § 3796ff et. seq.) as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). If the proposed list of grantees is approved, the initial grant period will be July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The BSCC anticipates funding these local grants at approximately the same level non-competitively for years two and three, if: (a) the federal appropriation continues for the RSAT Grant Program, (b) the grantee is making measurable progress toward stated goals, and (c) the grantee is in compliance with all contractual requirements.

### Background

The BSCC is the Designated State Administrative agency for the RSAT Program, federally funded through the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance. The goal of the RSAT Program is to enhance the capability of states and units of local and tribal government to provide substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates, and to prepare offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs and assisting offenders and their communities through the reentry process by delivering community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services. Historically, the California RSAT Program has funded local detention facilities to provide in-custody treatment services with an aftercare component requirement placed on the grantees.

At its July 10, 2014 meeting (Attachment I-1), the Board authorized an ESC to oversee the development and release of the RSAT Program Request for Proposal (RFP) and appointed Board Member Dean Growdon as Chair. Eight other subject matter experts also participated on this ESC. The RFP was released to the public on January 27, 2015. The response due date was April 8, 2015. Eligibility was limited to local units of government representing adult jail detention facilities. Proposal submissions were limited to one jail detention facility within a county.

In compliance with the requirements of the 2014 federal solicitation issued by the DOJ, the RSAT program design includes:

- An in-jail treatment program length of no fewer than 3 and no more than 12 months;
- To the extent possible, separation of the treatment population from the general correctional population;
- An overall program focus on the substance-abuse problems of the inmate;
- Components designed to develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance abuse and related problems;
- Treatment services/practices that are evidence-based;
- Urinalysis or other proven reliable forms of testing, including both periodic and random testing;
- Aftercare services for up to one year to those individuals who have completed the in-jail component;
- Collaboration with and coordination between the in-jail treatment program and other social service and rehabilitation programs, such as education and job training, parole supervision, halfway houses, self-help and peer group programs, and
- Collaboration with local authorities and organizations involved in substance abuse treatment to assist in the placement of program participants into community substance abuse treatment programs.

Applicants were able to request a maximum of \$223,144 each. Eight proposals were received and subsequently rated and ranked by the ESC. The ESC met on May 19, 2015 and is recommending funding for 4 projects (Attachment I-2).

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends approval of the Executive Steering Committee's proposed list of Sheriff's Offices, reflected on Attachment 2, to receive a total of \$884,432 in Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for the first year of a three-year grant period.

Grantees may obtain funding on a non-competitive basis for up to two additional years (12-month grants) if: (a) the federal appropriation continues for the RSAT Grant Program, (b) the grantee is making measurable progress toward stated goals, and (c) the grantee is in compliance with all contractual requirements.

Should an applicant recommended for funding be unable to accept the award, the next ranked applicant(s) will be offered full or partial funding to expend the remaining balance of the funds.

### **Attachments**

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I-1: July 10, 2014 BSCC Board Report

I-2: Proposed List of grant awards as recommended by the RSAT Program ESC.