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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: The Title II Prevention and Intervention/Tribal Youth Grant Programs Executive Steering Committee's Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item is a placeholder for Board approval of funding recommendations on the federal Title II Prevention and Intervention/Tribal Youth Grant Programs. Funding recommendations from the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) will be provided to the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) for approval at its September 9, 2015 meeting. Staff will subsequently provide an updated report with the recommendations for funding to the Board on September 10, 2015.

Background

The BSCC is the Designated State Administrative (DSA) agency for the federal juvenile justice Title II Formula Grant Program (Title II). As the DSA responsible for Title II program administration, the BSCC is responsible for the development and submission of a Three-Year State Plan that identifies California's prioritized juvenile justice needs. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002 requires that the State Advisory Group, known in California as SACJJDP, participate in development of the State Plan. This Plan, as approved by the BSCC on May 9, 2013, outlines three priority areas: Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)/Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.), Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) and strategies that promote positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities by supporting efforts to develop and strengthen services, programs and policies.

To support the Three-Year State Plan, the SACJJDP earmarked approximately \$3,000,000 in Title II Formula Grant funds to further support the R.E.D. and EBP priority areas. As part of the BSCC Request for Proposal (RFP) process, this Board, at its November 13, 2014 meeting (Attachment I-1), authorized the use of an ESC to oversee the development of RFP, including the rating criteria upon which the proposals would be scored.

The Board appointed BSCC Board Member Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer of Nevada County, and SACJJDP member Judge Brian Back, Ventura County Superior Court Judge, as Co-Chairs. Eleven additional subject matter experts, from an array of disciplines and community partners working with juvenile offenders, were named as members and served on this ESC (Attachment I-2).

Funding for the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant is intended to support juvenile justice partners and/or community stakeholders in developing a comprehensive organizational reform-approach to address the federal delinquency prevention and intervention priority areas by using a foundation of evidenced-based practices, principles and strategies, and to work to reduce racial and ethnic disparity in the juvenile justice system. Funding for the Tribal Youth Grant is designed to support tribal infrastructure development to enhance services to at-risk and system-involved tribal youth.

The ESC met on January 23, 2015 to develop the RFP and establish the criteria that would be used to rate the proposals. Due to the different needs of the eligible applicants, the ESC determined funding should be distributed between federally recognized tribal governments, and small, medium and large counties. Therefore, the \$3,000,000 available in federal funds was divided into set-aside categories and would include two separate RFPs (one for the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant, and one for the Tribal Youth Grant). Funding was apportioned in the following manner: \$360,000 for tribal governments; \$580,800 for small counties; \$871,200 for medium counties; and \$1,188,000 for large counties. Federal program purpose areas chosen by the ESC members for the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant include: Aftercare; Alternatives to Detention; Delinquency Prevention; Diversion; Gender Specific Services; and Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement. In addition, maximum funding thresholds for counties were determined according to the total population within each county (Attachment I-3).

At its April 9, 2015 meeting, the Board approved the RFPs developed by the ESC (Attachments I-4); these were released to the public on April 10, 2015 (Attachments I-5 and I-6), with proposal submissions due back to the BSCC on July 10, 2015. Eligibility for funding for the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant was open to local California public and private agencies; eligibility for the Tribal Youth Grant was open to federally recognized Tribes in California.

The BSCC received 18 proposals for the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant projects, requesting almost \$5 million; proposals were submitted by 13 large counties, three (3) medium counties, and two (2) small counties. Additionally, the BSCC received two (2) proposals for the Tribal Youth Grant projects totaling \$240,000. BSCC staff reviewed the proposals for technical compliance with the RFP and all complied.

ESC members received training on July 24, 2015 and July 28, 2015 by BSCC research staff on how to rate the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant proposals, and the Tribal Youth Grant proposals based on the rating criteria established in the RFP. Raters did not receive proposals in which they had a potential conflict of interest.

On September 2, 2015 ESC members met to discuss scores and determine the ranked list of proposals meeting the scoring threshold (i.e., at least half the rating scale). For the Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant, that meant 500 points out of the 1000 total possible points; for the Tribal Youth Grant, 350 points out of the 700 total possible points.

Recommendation/Action Needed

The funding recommendations of the Title II Prevention and Intervention/Tribal Youth Grant Program Executive Steering Committee will be provided to the Board on September 9, 2015. In addition, this report will be updated and posted to the BSCC website at that time.

Attachments

- I-1: Board Agenda Report, November 13, 2014
- I-2: Title II Prevention and Intervention and Tribal Youth Grants Executive Steering Committee Member List
- I-3: Funding Thresholds for Applicants: Total Population by County
- I-4: Board Agenda Report, April 9, 2015
- I-5: Title II Prevention and Intervention Grant Program Request for Proposals
- I-6: Tribal Youth Grant Program Request for Proposals