

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: May 9, 2013

**SUBJECT: Approval of BSCC Application for
Title II Formula Block Grant Funding in the
Approximate Amount of \$2.2 million for Federal
Year 2013 and Approval of BSCC Application for
for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
Funding in the Approximate Amount of \$2.3 million
for Federal Fiscal Year 2013**

AGENDA ITEM: E

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Shalinee Hunter

Summary:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of the federal grant applications for the Title II Formula Block Grant (Title II), Attachment A; and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), Attachment B which have been submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013. Please note the deadlines of the Title II and JABG applications were April 1, 2013 and February 28, 2013 respectively and did not coincide with the Board meeting schedule. Although state allocations have not been finalized by OJJDP, it is anticipated California will receive approximately \$2,237,024 in Title II funds, and \$2,307,337 in JABG funds as a result of these applications (amounts based upon the FFY 2012 awards).

Background:

As the Designated State Agency selected by the Governor to administer the federal juvenile justice grant programs, BSCC is required annually to submit online applications requesting grant funds appropriated by Congress. In its role as an advisory body to the BSCC, the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) has been tasked with application development and programmatic oversight of the above referenced funding streams. The FFY 2013 federal grant applications build upon the strategies and activities implemented by the SACJJDP over the last year and are based upon the programmatic plans submitted as part of the FFY 2012 applications.

Title II - The Title II Formula Grants program supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974 (reauthorized in 2002). As required by OJJDP, the application is comprised of a Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet and an updated Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Relative Rate Index. The Program Narrative includes the FFY 2013 DMC Compliance Plan; a description of the structure and function of the juvenile justice system; an analysis of juvenile crime problems and juvenile justice system needs; and plans for compliance with the core protections of the JJDP Act. The application also provides an update on Compliance Monitoring activities undertaken by BSCC staff that inspects local adult and juvenile detention facilities and identifies the program purpose areas to which California is directing funds.

The FFY 2013 comprehensive plan update for Title II details how funds will be utilized to support the focus areas outlined in the SACJJDP's 2012-2014 Strategic Plan. These areas include:

- Disproportionate Minority Contact;
- Evidence Based/Promising Approaches; and
- Strategic Support toward juvenile realignment

JABG -The JABG program funds accountability-focused efforts to combat juvenile crime, pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002 (Chapter 46, Subchapter XII-F). As required by OJJDP, the JABG application describes the role of the courts and collaborative justice programs in addressing criminal behavior and the state's system of graduated sanctions. In addition, similar to Title II, the application includes an analysis of juvenile justice system needs based on crime trends and identified gaps in service, and provides an overview of efforts to coordinate the JABG program with other federal and state programs focused on juvenile justice.

Unique to the JABG program, states are required to pass through seventy-five percent of the total allocation to local units of governments in the form of a direct allocation as determined by OJJDP. The remaining twenty-five percent, plus any accrued interest is retained by the state and can be used at the state's discretion with direction from the SACJJDP. As a result of the discretion allowed with these funds, JABG funded initiatives include: the Best Practices Approach Initiative – providing statewide evidence-based training and intensive consultative services to three counties seeking assistance with full transition to an evidence-based continuum.

Recommendation/Action Needed: Staff requests approval of the FFY 2013 juvenile justice grant applications for the Title II Formula Grant Program and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.