

**TO: Chair and Members**

**DATE: May 8, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Executive Steering Committee and Timeline for  
the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Project.  
Requesting Approval.**

**AGENDA ITEM: G**

**ACTION: X  
INFORMATION:**

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**Summary:**

This agenda item requests permission to create an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that will oversee the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) using Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program discretionary and set-aside funds.

**Background:**

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the Designated State Administrative (DSA) agency for the following three federal juvenile justice funding sources: Title II Formula Block Grant Program, Title V Community Prevention Grant Program, and the JABG Program. The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) aligned the three programs to support California's Title II Three-Year plan. The plan outlines three priority areas: Disproportionate Minority Contact; Evidence-Based Practices (EBP); and strategies to support efforts to develop and strengthen services, programs, and policies that promote positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities. The legislative mandates associated with the BSCC also direct the Board to support statewide efforts in implementing EBP.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) did not receive funding for Fiscal Year 2014, and funding for future years has not yet been determined. Given this uncertainty it is important that all current discretionary and set-aside funding be expended within established funding periods because funding extensions may not be approved by OJJDP as they have in the past.

The proposed JABG funds will be used to further develop the EBP priority area. Approximately \$300,000 is available in discretionary and set-aside funds to be used for this purpose over the next 18 months. This effort will also satisfy the federal requirement to use JABG set-aside dollars for those entities that fall below the \$10,000 threshold for receiving a direct allocation.

On April 22, 2014, staff asked the Executive Committee of the SACJJDP to recommend to the BSCC Board that an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) be established to oversee development of a RFP in the amount of approximately \$250,000 to identify probation departments that are prepared to receive training that will assist them in implementing or expanding the use of EBP within their local juvenile justice communities. JABG funds for this project may be used by local probation departments that need new or additional training and technical assistance to support the effective implementation of EBP, which may include such trainings as:

- Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions;
- Quality Assurance Planning;
- Thinking for a Change;
- Motivational Interviewing;
- Case Management;
- Aggression Replacement Training ®, and
- Effective Practices for Correctional Supervision (EPICS).

**RFP Activities and Timeline:**

Below is a proposed tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Project.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TENTATIVE TIMELINE</b>
Present ESC agenda item to BSCC	5/8/14
ESC to complete the development of the proposal requirements/evaluation criteria	7/20/14
BSCC staff to complete the development of draft RFP based on ESC recommendations	8/15/14
Draft RFP emailed to ESC	8/15/14
ESC to review and edit draft application	8/22/14
BSCC staff to finalize RFP based on ESC edits	8/29/14
Final RFP sent to ESC members	9/2/14
Present the RFP to the SACJJDP for approval	September 2014
Present the RFP for BSCC approval	9/11/14
Release of RFP to the field	9/12/14
RFP due to BSCC	10/10/14
BSCC staff technical review of proposals completed	10/15/14
RFP and rating material mailed to ESC	10/15/14
ESC rating of proposals completed	10/29/14
ESC convened to finalize rating	11/4/14
Present funding recommendations to the SACJJDP	November 2014
Present funding recommendations to the BSCC	11/13/14
Begin contract development process	11/13/14 - 12/31/14
Project period begins	1/1/15
Project directors meeting	1/15/15
Project period ends	6/30/16

Additionally, SACJJDJP has recommended, and BSCC staff is requesting, that approximately \$50,000 in discretionary and set-aside dollars be used to develop a BSCC sponsored training symposium focusing on EBPs that have been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism for local level juvenile justice agencies.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

The BSCC staff requests approval of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Executive Subcommittee recommendation to use approximately \$250,000 in JABG funds to support EBP for probation departments statewide. Additionally, staff is recommending that the BSCC Board:

1. Authorize an ESC to oversee the development and release of the RFP;
2. Appoint a SACJJDJP member as Chair or Co-Chair for the ESC;
3. Direct the Executive Director and staff to work with the Chair(s) to assemble and convene an ESC of subject- matter experts; and
4. Approve the tentative timeline associated with the RFP for the local training project; and
5. Authorize approximately \$50,000 to sponsor a BSCC symposium for local agencies on EBP.