



# Strengthening Law Enforcement & Community Relations

## Grant Program

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# ***Background***

## ◆ **Budget Act of 2015**

- Allocates \$6 million to BSCC for new grant program
- Grants to local law enforcement for programs and initiatives
- To strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve

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## ***Executive Steering Committee (ESC)***

- ◆ Chair: Board Member Bejarano
- ◆ Co-Chair: B.J. Davis, Psy.D., CEO of Strategies for Change (community treatment provider)
- ◆ Includes formerly incarcerated, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, advocates and academia.
- ◆ Met three times (November 9-10, 2015 and December 17, 2015)



## ***ESC development of the RFP***

- ◆ Trained in procedural justice, implicit bias and community engagement
- ◆ Provided extensive reading material in advance of meetings
- ◆ Discussed current state of police/community relations and how to improve or reinforce positive relationships
- ◆ Focused on recently published report from the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing

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## ***President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing***

- ◆ Issued Report in May 2015
- ◆ Underlying themes include:
  - Embrace community policing
  - Ensure fair and impartial policing
  - Build community capital
  - Pay attention to officer wellness and safety
- ◆ Contains a set of recommendations organized under six “Pillars”



# *President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing: **Six Pillars***

1. Building Trust & Legitimacy
2. Policy and Oversight
3. Technology and Social Media
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction
5. Training and Education
6. Officer Wellness and Safety



## ***Eligible grant activities***

- ◆ ESC adopted President's Report as foundation for this RFP
- ◆ Applicants must tie proposed activities to one or more of the six Pillars
- ◆ Applicants are required to address Pillar One (Building Trust & Legitimacy)
- ◆ Applicants must address at least one additional Pillar

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## ***Eligible applicants***

- ◆ Local law enforcement in partnership with the communities they serve:
  - Municipal police departments
  - County sheriff's departments
  - Cities that contract for police services
  
- ◆ Must self-certify compliance with Penal Code Section 11108 (re: stolen firearms)

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## ***Funding information***

- ◆ Up to \$600,000 for individual applicants
- ◆ Up to \$850,000 for joint applicants
- ◆ 20 percent match
- ◆ 30 percent pass through to one or more community partners
- ◆ 5 percent (or \$20,000) to data collection and evaluation



## ***Other Information***

- ◆ Two year grant period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018
- ◆ Rating factors: Need, Project Description, Community Engagement, Data-Driven Strategies, Data Collection & Evaluation, Budget
- ◆ Applicants must score at least 60 percent of total points to be eligible

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## ***Proposed Additional Funding***

- ◆ Additional \$6 million proposed for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- ◆ Move down ranked list from this RFP to fund additional agencies
- ◆ Start in 2016 (once finalized)

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## ***Action Needed***

- ◆ Approve release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Strengthening Law Enforcement & Community Relations Grant
  - Including plan to move down ranked list to fund additional grantees should FY 2016-17 funds become available