

**DATE:** February 15, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** G

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program, Release of Requests for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a new Request for Proposals (Attachment G-1) in the amount of \$10,694,933 for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Eligible applicants are California cities and counties.

### Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administering agency for the Byrne SCIP Program, which is funded through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The Byrne SCIP program provides federal funding to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. This Request for Proposals (RFP) implements the pass-through funding for units of local government required by the BJA. The court-related aspects of the Byrne SCIP Program are being addressed in a separate subaward to the Judicial Council of California, unrelated to this RFP.

On September 14, 2023, the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board approved the Project and Budget Plan for Byrne SCIP funding, which included the development and release of an RFP for units of local government. The BJA approved the Program and Budget Plan on November 8, 2023.

Applicants will be allowed to request up to \$500,000 for small-scope projects and up to \$1,000,000 for large-scope projects. Applicants must propose programs that address a minimum of one of the following Byrne SCIP Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

- **PPA 1: Communication, Education, Outreach, and Public Awareness** (related to Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws and programs);
- **PPA 2: Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others;**
- **PPA 3: Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns** (including guns relinquished through a variety of protective orders, which includes Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO), Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVRO), Elder or Dependent Abuse Restraining Orders, and Civil Harassment Restraining Orders).

Successful applicants will be funded for a grant period from July 15, 2024 to September 30, 2026.

Staff requests that a Scoring Panel be convened in lieu of the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board to read and rate the proposals submitted in response to this RFP. If necessary, internal staff may also be used to supplement the Scoring Panel.

### **RFP Activities and Timeline**

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Byrne SCIP Grant.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Release Request for Proposals	February 16, 2024
Grant Information Session for Prospective Applicants	March 7, 2024
Proposals Due to the BSCC	April 5, 2024
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	April 2024 - July 2024
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	July 11, 2024
Grant Period Begins	July 15, 2024
Grant Service Project Period Ends	July 15, 2026
Final Evaluation Report Due and Grant Ends	September 30, 2026

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the release of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Request for Proposals.
- Delegate authority to the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Chair to work with staff to establish a diverse Scoring Panel with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed, including the potential inclusion of BSCC staff as raters.
- Delegate authority to the Byrne SCIP Advisory Committee to approve awards and that awards approved by the Byrne SCIP Advisory Committee shall have the same legal force and effect as if approved by the BSCC Board.

### **Attachments**

- G-1: Byrne SCIP Request for Proposals
- G-2: Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan
- G-3: Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Roster