

DATE: April 11, 2024**DRAFT****AGENDA ITEM:** F**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, timothy.polasik@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program, Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval.

Summary

This agenda item will request Board approval of the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant awards as recommended by the MAT Scoring Panel (Attachment F-1). There is \$10 million available to provide medication-assisted substance-use disorder treatment and aftercare services from May 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

In response to the MAT RFP, the BSCC received 18 proposals requesting a total of \$22,435,533. A technical compliance review determined that 16 proposals met the criteria to move forward in the scoring process. On March 7-8, 2024, BSCC research staff trained the Scoring Panel on how to read and rate the proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted by the raters, BSCC generated a ranked list of those proposals that met the minimum scoring threshold, as follows:

[PLACEHOLDER FOR RANKED LIST; WILL BE GENERATED PRIOR TO APRIL 11th BOARD MEETING]

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 653 (Chapter 745, Statutes of 2021) was signed by Governor Newsom on October 9, 2021 (Attachment X-3). This bill created the MAT Grant Program to be administered by the BSCC upon appropriation. The bill specifies that grants shall be awarded to counties on a competitive basis for purposes relating to the treatment of substance use disorders and the provision of MAT. The bill requires that grant-funded counties collect and maintain data on the effectiveness of the program. County data will be compiled into a final report to the Legislature describing the activities funded by the grant program and the success of those activities in reducing drug overdoses and recidivism by people housed in jail and people under criminal justice supervision.¹

On September 6, 2022, Governor Newsom signed AB 179 (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2022) (Attachment F-4), amending the Budget Act of 2022 to include \$10 million in funding for the previously established MAT Grant Program.

At the November 16, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board approved the release of the [MAT Request for Proposals](#) (RFP), which made available all \$10 million for a three-year grant beginning May 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Individual county applicants could request

¹ "Criminal justice supervision" means probation, postrelease community supervision, and mandatory supervision. (Pen. Code, § 6047, subd. (a).)

up to a maximum of \$1,250,000 and collaborative county applicants could request up to a maximum of \$2,500,000 for the three-year period.

Key Components of the Grant

MAT is statutorily defined as the “use of any United States Food and Drug Administration-approved medically assisted therapy to treat a substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder, and that, whenever possible, is provided through a program licensed or certified by the State Department of Health Care Services.” (Pen. Code, § 6047, subd. (b).) AB 653 specifies that MAT funds may be used for the following activities:

1. **Substance Use Disorder Counselors in County Jails.** Salaries and related costs for the placement of substance use disorder counselors in county jails that provide MAT to inmates with a substance use disorder.
2. **Post-Release Medication.** Doses of medication related to substance use disorder for inmates to take home upon release from county jail.
3. **Service Contracts Between Jails and Treatment Providers.** Funding for services provided pursuant to contracts between county jail health providers and narcotic treatment providers.
4. **Law Enforcement/Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Teams.** Mobile crisis teams of behavioral health professionals that can respond with law enforcement to mental health or other health crisis calls.
5. **MAT for Persons Under Criminal Justice Supervision.** Salary and related costs for providing MAT for persons who are under criminal justice supervision.
6. **Community-Based MAT and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.** Funding to increase capacity for community-based MAT and substance use disorder treatment services for justice-involved individuals, or to improve care coordination and connections to MAT services upon release from correctional facilities.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the MAT Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Fully fund the top XXX ranked proposals, and partially fund X proposal at XXX, totaling \$10 million;
2. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept or relinquishes an award; first by offering to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s); and
3. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determines during the award-making process that an applicant recommended for award is ineligible or if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle.

Attachments

F-1: MAT Scoring Panel Roster

F-2: List of MAT Applicants Recommended for Funding - TBD

F-3: Assembly Bill 653 (2021)

F-4: Assembly Bill 179 (2022)

F-5: MAT Proposal Summaries - TBD