

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** D

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests the establishment of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program and to implement the significant changes brought with the enactment of Assembly Bill 762 (Chapter 241, Statutes of 2023) (Attachment D-1) and Assembly Bill 28 (Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023) (Attachment D-2). Staff is also requesting that the Board designate a Chair to oversee the RFP development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership if needed.

Background

Formerly known as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP)¹ Grant, the State Legislature established the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18, narrowing the scope of the grant to focus primarily on gun violence. In 2019, the CalVIP Grant Program was codified as the Break the Cycle of Violence Act (Assembly Bill 1603, Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), which established the authority and duties of the BSCC in administering the program, including the selection criteria for grants and reporting requirements to the Legislature. Historically, the grant has been available to California cities and the community-based organizations that serve them. BSCC has now administered four rounds of CalVIP funding, providing more than \$250 million toward local violence intervention and prevention efforts.

New Developments

Assembly Bill 762, which was enacted last year, narrows the focus of the CalVIP Grant further, specifying that the purpose of the program is to support effective community gun violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by community gun violence. It expands the CalVIP program to include counties that have one or more cities disproportionately impacted by community gun violence and tribal governments. It increases the maximum grant amount to \$2,500,000 per year and requires BSCC to make at least 20 percent of a grantee's total award available at the start of the grant period.

¹ CalGRIP was first funded in the FY 2007-08 budget.

The bill further requires BSCC to establish an ESC to be composed of, among other entities, persons who have been impacted by community gun violence and the director of the Attorney General's Office of Gun Violence Prevention or their designee. Finally, AB 762 authorizes BSCC to reserve up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated for CalVIP each year for the purpose of supporting programs and activities designed to build and sustain capacity in the field of community gun violence intervention and prevention.

Historically, the CalVIP program has been funded by the General Fund, at \$9 million per year, with several one-time augmentations. Commencing July 1, 2024, Assembly Bill 28, also known as the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act, imposes an excise tax in the amount of 11 percent of the gross receipts from the retail sale in California of a firearm, firearm precursor part, and ammunition. Revenues collected from this fund will be deposited in the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund and the first \$75 million available in the fund, or as much of that amount as is available, shall be continuously appropriated annually to BSCC for the CalVIP Grant Program. For FY 2024-25, the Department of Finance estimates that BSCC will receive the full \$75 million.

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. In addition, the composition of the ESC will reflect the relevant stakeholder experience as prescribed by the Break the Cycle of Violence Act. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for Cohort 5 of the CalVIP Grant program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
Board Appoints Chair and Authorizes Staff to Begin ESC Process	July 11, 2024
ESC Recruitment and Formation	July-August 2024
RFP Development	September-November 2024
Present the RFP for BSCC Board Approval	November 2024
Release the RFP to the Field	November 2024
Bidders' Conference	December 2024
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2025
Proposal Rating Process	March-May 2025
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 2025
Grants Begin	July 1, 2025

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Executive Steering Committee.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed.
3. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the RFP.
4. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the CalVIP Request for Proposals and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

D-1: Assembly Bill 762 (Chapter 241, Statutes of 2023)

D-2: Assembly Bill 28 (Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023)