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AGENDA ITEM: G

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Grant Program Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Cohort 4 Proposition 47 grant awards as recommended by the Proposition 47 Scoring Panel. If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, 27 public agencies will receive approximately \$152 million to provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people who have been involved in the criminal justice system. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment G-1 and corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment G-2.

Background

Proposition 47 codified Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative. Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

[Assembly Bill 1056 \(Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015\)](#) added legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, job-skills training, case management, and civil legal services. Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles.

On April 11, 2024, the Board approved the release of the Cohort 4 Proposition 47 Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment G-3), which made approximately \$152 million available competitively to public agencies located in the State of California. Prospective applicants

chose to compete in either a Large Scope or Small Scope category, depending on the size of the proposed project and the amount of funding requested. Applicants in the Large Scope category could apply for up to \$8 million and applicants in the Small Scope category could apply for up to \$2 million for the 45-month grant period, from October 1, 2024, to June 30, 2028.

The BSCC received 39 proposals requesting approximately \$225 million. Thirty-two of those proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to a Scoring Panel for funding consideration. On July 10–11, 2024, BSCC provided rater training to members of the Scoring Panel, who scored each proposal according to the process established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of the proposals that met the minimum scoring threshold. Of the 28 proposals submitted in the Large Scope category, 22 are being recommended for full funding. One Large Scope proposal that fell at the funding cut-off is recommended for partial funding. All four proposals submitted in the Small Scope category are being recommended for funding.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Proposition 47 Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund 22 Large Scope and four Small Scope proposals totaling approximately \$151.2 million for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system.
- Offer partial funding to one Large Scope proposal that fell at the funding cut-off, totaling approximately \$800,000.
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle.
- Dissolve the Proposition 47 Scoring Panel upon approval of the funding recommendations.

Attachments

G-1: List of Proposals Recommended for Funding

G-2: Proposal Summaries

G-3: Cohort 4 Proposition 47 RFP