

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program (MMIP) - Cohort 3 – Release of the Requests for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment E-1) for Cohort 3 of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Grant, as recommended by the MMIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC) (Attachment E-2).

Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the Board of State and Community Corrections MMIP Grant Program, which would provide \$11.4 million over a period of three fiscal years to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Grants should focus on activities including, but not limited to, developing culturally based prevention strategies, strengthening responses to human trafficking, and improving cooperation and communication between state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Cohort 1

- On July 25, 2022, the Board approved a staff recommendation to appoint a Chair and establish an ESC to develop an RFP. On April 13, 2023, the Board approved release of an RFP that made \$11.4 million available across three fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations.
- In response to the original MMIP RFP, BSCC received only four proposals requesting approximately \$3.29 million in funding. The Board approved these awards at the September 14 and November 17, 2023 meetings, leaving \$8.52 million unallocated.

Cohort 2

- The Budget Act of 2023 (Senate Bill 101, Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023) contained the expected annual appropriation of \$4 million for this grant and added a one-time augmentation of \$12 million.
- With the unallocated \$8.52 million from the first round of funding, and this one-time augmentation, \$19.92 million was made available for a second round of grant funding.

- To increase awareness about the MMIP grant, solicit feedback from the tribal community, and encourage participation in the next RFP, BSCC representatives conducted extensive outreach efforts, speaking with tribal leaders and attending several important tribal events in 2023.
- Based on feedback from the tribal community, staff revised the MMIP RFP as Cohort 2, with several non-substantive modifications. Modifications included the addition of language to highlight the flexibility afforded by the authorizing legislation in the types of activities that could be implemented and encouraged collaborative applications among one or more tribes.
- On November 17, 2023, the Board approved the release of the Cohort 2 MMIP RFP that made \$19.92 million available across three fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations.
- In response to the Cohort 2 MMIP RFP, BSCC received 20 proposals requesting almost \$21.25 million in funding. Eighteen of the proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the MMIP ESC for funding consideration. On July 11, 2024, the Board approved the awards for all 18 proposals to begin the grant on August 1, 2024.

Additional Funding for Cohort 3

In addition to the expected third year of funding for the MMIP program, the Budget Act of 2024 (Senate Bill 108, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024) added a one-time augmentation of \$13.25 million (Attachment E-3). After deducting five percent of this amount for the administration of the grant, there is \$12.93 million for a third round of grant funding.

- BSCC staff proposes to re-release the MMIP RFP with non-substantive modifications as the MMIP RFP for Cohort 3 with a due date of April 18, 2025. The grant projects will begin on August 1, 2025.
- Eligible applicants will compete in one of three categories, based upon the size and scope of the proposed project:
 1. Small Scope: up to \$500,000
 2. Large Scope: up to \$1,000,000
 3. Collaborative (two or more tribes): up to \$2,000,000
- To make the tribal community aware of the availability of the Cohort 3 MMIP funding, BSCC representatives will again conduct extensive outreach to tribal associations and at tribal events. Virtual Grant Information Sessions will be held to provide clarification on application instructions and answer technical questions from prospective applicants.
- Tribes that were successful in the first and second round of funding will be eligible to apply for this third round but will not be awarded unless there are funds remaining after all eligible first-time applicants have been funded.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the MMIP grant.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	November 21, 2024
Release RFP to the Field	November 22, 2024
Grant Information Sessions for Prospective Applicants	January 16, 2025 & March 5, 2025
Proposals Due to the BSCC	April 18, 2025
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	April to June 2025
Present Funding Recommendations to the Board	July 12, 2025
Grants Begin	August 1, 2025
Grants End	January 31, 2029

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the MMIP Executive Steering Committee, staff recommends that the Board:

- Release the Cohort 3 Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant RFP with approximately \$12.93 million in available funding.

Attachments

E-1: MMIP Cohort 3 Request for Proposals

E-2: MMIP Executive Steering Committee Roster

E-3: Budget Act of 2024 (Senate Bill 108, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024)