

Adult Reentry Grant Program Cohort (4)

Executive Steering Committee Seeking Scoring Panel Members

Are you interested in scoring grant proposals for the California Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Program?

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is **seeking subject matter experts to help score grant proposals** for the next round of ARG grant funding. If you or anyone you know are interested, please email ARG Field Representative Timothy Polasik at: ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov by March 3, 2025.

About the ARG Program

The ARG Program provides funding for community-based organizations (CBOs) to support individuals formerly incarcerated in state prison. ARG was established in 2018 and receives annual appropriations through the Budget Acts. A total of 217 projects have been awarded \$221,243,057 in funding since ARG was implemented.

In this most recent competitive Request for Proposals (RFP), the BSCC made \$114,000,000 available to CBO applicants in California. In their proposals, applicants are required to address the needs of the target population through a continuum of care model that leads to self-sufficiency and permanent housing, through warm handoff/reentry services and rental assistance/housing.

What type of experience do I need to have to be a Scoring Panel member for ARG?

The BSCC is seeking individuals to serve on a Scoring Panel who have professional expertise in the public or private sector and/or personal life experiences related to public health, housing, workforce development, and/or effective rehabilitative treatment for people returning from prison.

Responsibilities of the ARG Scoring Panel Members

Individuals interested in serving as a member of the ARG Scoring Panel will be required to:

- Attend approximately two one-day meetings (in-person or virtual), tentatively scheduled for March 2025.
- Spend approximately 20-25 hours reading and scoring grant proposals on their time, in order to develop award recommendations for BSCC Board approval.

Submit a Statement of Interest

If you are interested in being a Scoring Panel member for the ARG Cohort 4 Grant, please submit an email with the subject line "ARG4 Scoring Panel Member "Statement of Interest" to ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Name
- Title (if applicable)
- Name of the agency or organization you represent (if applicable)
- Telephone number and email address
- Geographical part of California you represent

Attach a Word document to the email (no more than one page) that contains your Statement of Interest. In the Statement of Interest, please address how your professional expertise and/or life experiences will help us meet our diversity and subject matter expertise goals (as listed above).

Once you have sent the email, you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt of your submission. If you do not receive a reply, please email Michael Martinez, CalVIP Field Representative, at timothy.polasik@bscc.ca.gov for further assistance.

There are other important considerations you should review before determining whether you can be a Scoring Panel member, such as:

- Conflict of Interest laws,
- Financial reporting requirements, and
- Ethics training.

Please review full ***Executive Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities*** that include ***Scoring Panel Member Roles and Responsibilities*** information at:

http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccexecutivesteeringcommittees/.