



Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Cohort 4  
**Information Session**

BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – DECEMBER 17, 2024

# INTRODUCTIONS

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# AGENDA

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- BSCC Overview
- Adult Reentry Grant Program Background
- Review Key RFP Components
- Proposal Evaluation System
- Proposal Submittal Process
- Questions and Answers

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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- A copy of this PowerPoint Presentation and Recording will be available on the BSCC website at [https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_argrant/](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_argrant/)
- A Frequently Asked Questions document will be available on the BSCC website at [https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_argrant/](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_argrant/)
- Questions may be submitted to: [ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:ARGCohort4@bscc.ca.gov)

# BSCC OVERVIEW

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- Reports directly to the Governor's Office.
- Organized under a Governor appointed Board made up of 15 members.
- Provides statewide leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice system.

# **BSCC DIVISIONS**

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## **Corrections Planning and Grant Programs (CPGP)**

- State and Federal Grant Programs

## **Standards and Training for Corrections (STC)**

- Selection, Training and Standards

## **County Facilities Construction (CFC)**

- Construction Financing for Facilities

## **Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO)**

- Inspections, Regulations, Compliance Monitoring

## **In-Custody Death Review (ICDR)**

- Reviews Deaths in Local Detentions Facilities

## **Administration, Legal, and Research Units**

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## Grant Summary

- **2018 Budget Act** (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018)
- **2023 Budget Act** (Assembly Bill 102, Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023) (AB 102)
- **2024 Budget Act** (Assembly Bill 107, Chapter 22, Statutes of 2024) (AB 107)

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## Program Intent

The ARG Program provides funding for community-based organizations to support individuals formerly incarcerated in state prison.

- **Warm handoff and reentry**
- **Rental assistance**

This RFP will address funding available for both the Warm Handoff and Reentry Services and Rental Assistance components of the grant.



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## **Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Process**

Pursuant to AB 107 and 102, the BSCC was required to form an ESC with members from relevant state agencies and departments with expertise in public health, housing, workforce development, and effective rehabilitative treatment for people returning from prison to develop grant-program criteria and make recommendations to the board regarding grant awards.

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## Conflict of Interest

- Existing law prohibits any grantee, subgrantee, partner or like party who participated on the ARG ESC from receiving funds awarded under this RFP.
- Applicants who are awarded grants under this RFP are responsible for reviewing the Adult Reentry Grant Program ESC membership roster.
- For a list of ESC members see **Appendix B** of this RFP.

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## Key Dates

- Request for Proposal (RFP) Released – November 17, 2024.
- Prospective Applicant Grant Information Session – December 17, 2024.
- Non-Binding Letters of Intent Due January 17, 2025.
- Proposals Due **Monday, March 3, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. (PST).**

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## Grant Period

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Six-Month Closeout
Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Data Analysis, Evaluation and Audit
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	July 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028
Service delivery and data collection.	Service delivery and data collection.	Service delivery and data collection.	<p>Completion of a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final Evaluation Report</li> <li>▪ Program Compliance Audit</li> </ul> <p><i>Only expenses related to evaluation and audit efforts may be incurred in this period. No new services should be delivered during the closeout period.</i></p>

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## Eligibility to Apply

- Have been duly organized, in existence, and in good standing for at least twelve (12) months prior to the proposal submission deadline of March 3, 2025
- Have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to have 501(c)(3) status (i.e., non-profit);
- Be registered and in good standing with the California Secretary of State's Office as a non-profit, if applicable;
- Be registered and in good standing with the California Office of the Attorney General, Registry of Charitable Trusts, if applicable;

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## Eligibility to Apply

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- Have a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer ID (if sole proprietorship);
- Have a valid business license, if applicable;
- Have any other state or local licenses or certifications necessary to provide the services requested (e.g., facility licensing by the Department of Health Care Services), if applicable; and
- Have a physical address in California (a P.O. Box does not meet this requirement).

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## Location of Services

- An applicant with multiple field offices or satellite projects must identify a county as the primary service area in which they will provide services and may submit one proposal covering all (or multiple) field offices and satellite projects.



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## Subcontractor Eligibility

Subcontractor must meet all the eligibility criteria, with the following exceptions:

- Subcontractors need only be in existence and in good standing for at least six (6) months prior to the start date of the applicant's Grant Agreement with BSCC.
- Subcontractors are not required to have non-profit status.
- Subcontractors are not required to be registered with the California Office of the Attorney General, Registry of Charitable Trusts unless required by law.
- Subcontractors are not required to have a physical address.

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## Subcontracting

- An applicant that receives ARG funding as a grantee may also subcontract on a maximum of two (2)\* additional proposals.
- If an applicant intends to apply directly and also subcontract on another proposal, the proposals must fund separate and unique activities.
- An applicant may not be a subcontractor on their own proposed project.

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## Subcontracting

- An applicant may subcontract with other public or private entities, but if awarded, the applicant is the responsible agency and must ensure that all subcontractors comply with the requirements of the Grant Agreement.
- The grantee will be responsible for the implementation and administration of the grant project.

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## Fiscal Sponsors

- A tax exempt 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor that provides administrative, accounting, organizational, and financial support to “projects” that have charitable purposes may apply for BSCC grants on behalf of a single “project.”
- Must meet eligibility criteria and adhere fiscal sponsor conditions.

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## Fiscal Sponsors Conditions

- The fiscal sponsor must be listed as the “applicant” throughout the application.
- An authorized signatory for the fiscal sponsor that is vested with authority to enter into a contract with the BSCC must sign the grant application.
- A fiscal sponsor may only submit one application for the ARG Cohort 4 Request for Proposals.
- The fiscal sponsor may not charge the ARG Cohort 4 Grant a percentage fee to provide services for the project.
- The fiscal sponsor must have a written fiscal sponsorship agreement with the sponsored group.

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## Target Population

The target population are people, 18 and over, who have been formerly incarcerated in state prison with priority being given to those recently released and/or on state parole.

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## Project Design

- The Adult Reentry Grant consists of two components:
  1. Warm Handoff/Reentry Services and,
  2. Rental Assistance (Housing).
- The ESC established a new model that combines both components into one grant application.
- The new model is designed to support projects that provide for a continuum of care while adhering to the principles of Housing First.
- Applicants are not required to apply for both funding categories; however, applicants must address both components in their proposals.



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## Housing First

- Housing First programs remove barriers to accessing housing and do not require sobriety or an absence of criminal history.
- Based on the “hierarchy of need” in which people must access basic necessities like a safe place to live and food to eat before being able to achieve quality of life or pursue personal goals.
- Housing First values choice not only in where to live, but whether to participate in services.

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## Core Components of Housing First

- 1) Tenant screening and selection practices that promote accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- 2) Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of “housing readiness.”
- 3) Acceptance of referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response systems frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- 4) Supportive services that emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals and service plans that are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.

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## Core Components of Housing First

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- 5) Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent housing tenancy.
- 6) Tenants have a lease and all the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, as outlined in California's Civil, Health and Safety, and Government codes.
- 7) The use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction.

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## Core Components of Housing First

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- 8) In communities with coordinated assessment and entry systems, incentives for funding promote tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than “first-come-first-serve,” including, but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, or high utilization of crisis services. Prioritization may include triage tools, developed through local data, to identify high-cost, high-need homeless residents.

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## Core Components of Housing First

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- 9) Case managers and service coordinators who are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for client engagement, including, but not limited to, motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.
- 10) Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives, where tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the tenant so chooses.

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## Core Components of Housing First

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- 11) The project and specific apartment may include special physical features that accommodate disabilities, reduce harm, and promote health and community and independence among tenants.

(Welf. & Inst. Code, § 8255, subd. (b).)

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## Core Components of Housing First

Grantees awarded funding under the Adult Reentry Grant Program are required to support these core components of the Housing First model pursuant to these guidelines, which will be woven throughout the RFP and incorporated into the rating criteria.

Applicants should develop proposals that reflect these principles to the extent that their projects include housing or housing related services.

(For additional resources and information related to Housing First and Harm Reduction Principles, see Appendix C).

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## Warm Handoff/Reentry Services

A collaborative continuity of care that includes the participant and their support team when services transition from one provider to another. Multiple Warm Handoffs may occur during the course of a client's engagement, e.g., in-custody counselor, transitional case manager, to housing provider. These activities can also include reentry services, which may include barrier removal, case management, housing and system navigation, and incentives to assist an individual in transitioning from incarceration, parole supervision or housing insecurity to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.



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## Warm Handoff/Reentry Services

- Salaries and benefits for project staff
- Training for project staff
- Program supplies
- In-reach client services (i.e., to prisons or jails)
- Case management staff and services
- Housing Navigation staff and services
- Transportation (staff and vehicle costs)
- Food for clients
- Emergency services
- Employment/vocational services

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## Warm Handoff/Reentry Services

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- Social services
- Behavioral health care (staff and services)
- Mentors
- Barrier removal services
- System navigation
- 24-hour response
- Credit repair
- Other activities as necessary, specific to warm handoff and reentry services

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## Rental Assistance (Housing)

Direct housing costs including rent, vouchers, deposits, landlord incentives, utility payments, household furnishings, and costs required to place and/or maintain a participant in transitional and/or permanent housing. The supportive services necessary for building self-sufficiency may be funded through the Warm Handoff/Reentry services component.

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## Rental Assistance (Housing)

- Transitional housing costs
- Landlord incentives and deposits
- Permanent housing costs
- Rent subsidies
- Stipends to friends and families who provide housing directly to a person who is eligible for ARG services (fair market value)
- Hotel/housing vouchers
- Move in costs
- Coverage of back rent/housing retention costs
- Housing set-up supplies (furnishings, cleaning supplies, bedding, appliances)
- Other activities as necessary, specific to direct housing costs

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## Ineligible Grant Expenditures

- Purchase, leasing, or payments for automobiles or recreational vehicles to house individuals.
- Purchase of camping equipment for living outside;
- Costs for refurbishing or rehabilitating a dwelling;
- The acquisition of real property; or
- International travel.

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## Funding Information

A total of \$108,300,000 is available for the Adult Reentry Grant. Eligible applicants may apply for a maximum of **\$4,500,000** for the entire grant period. Within that funding threshold, applicants may request up to:

- Up to **\$2,250,000** in the Warm Handoff/Reentry Services category
- Up to **\$2,250,000** in the Rental Assistance category

Applicants are encouraged to request only the amount of funds needed to support their proposal and not base the request on the maximum allowed.

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## Funding Information

- Available funding is distributed across four regions based on the county in which the primary service area is located
- Applicants must choose one primary county service area and select the corresponding Applicant Region. Applicants may provide services in counties other than the primary county service area, but the grant project must be focused primarily in the county region in which they compete.
- Applicants cannot compete in more than one region.



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## Funding Availability by Region

Applicant Region		Eligible Applicants May Request	Funds Available
1	CBOs providing services in a <b>Southern County</b> *	Up to <b>\$4,500,000</b> , which can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no more than \$2,250,000 for WHO/Reentry Services</li><li>• no more than \$2,250,000 for Rental Assistance</li></ul>	\$58,575,000
2	CBOs providing services in a <b>Coastal County</b> *		\$22,075,000
3	CBOs providing services in a <b>Central County</b> *		\$14,075,000
4	CBOs providing services in a <b>Small County</b> *		\$13,575,000
<b>Total ARG Cohort 4 Funds Available:</b>			<b>\$108,300,000</b>

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## Counties by Region

Southern Counties	Coastal Counties	Central Counties	Small Counties	
Kern Los Angeles Orange Riverside Santa Barbara San Bernardino San Diego San Luis Obispo Ventura	Alameda Contra Costa Marin Monterey San Francisco San Mateo Santa Cruz Santa Clara Solano Sonoma	Fresno Merced Placer Sacramento San Joaquin Stanislaus Tulare	Alpine Amador Butte Calaveras Colusa Del Norte El Dorado Glenn Humboldt Imperial Inyo Kings Lake Lassen Madera Mariposa	Mendocino Modoc Mono Napa Nevada Plumas San Benito Shasta Sierra Siskiyou Sutter Tehama Trinity Tuolumne Yolo Yuba

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## Advance Payments and Match

- At the grantee's request, BSCC will make a one-time payment up to ten (10) percent of a grantee's total award available at the start of the grant period.
- For grantees that choose to receive an advance payment, BSCC will withhold a minimum of 50 percent of funds claimed on each invoice toward reconciliation of the advance until the full advance is expended and accounted for.
- There is no match requirement

\*See RFP Page 20 for detailed information on Advance Payments

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## Identifying Partner Agencies

- Applicants will be rated, in part, on how well they demonstrate they have the experience, staffing, and any partnerships necessary to implement the proposed strategy.
- If an applicant is unable to identify staff and/or subcontractors until after the grant is awarded, the applicant should explain, at a minimum, the process and criteria by which they will select staff and/or subcontractors after award.

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## Data Collection, Reporting, and Evaluation

BSCC highly recommends grantees budget a minimum of five percent of the total grant award for data collection and evaluation efforts.

- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Local Evaluation Plan
- Local Evaluation Report
- Outside Evaluators are encouraged

# PROPOSAL APPENDICES

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- Appendix A: Assembly Bills 102 and 107
- Appendix B: Executive Steering Committee Members
- Appendix C: Glossary of Terms and Resources
- Appendix D: Using the Principles of Evidence-Based Practice
- Appendix E: Evaluative Terms
- Appendix F: Level One Evaluation Requirements

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## Proposal Evaluation System



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**Submittable**

# REQUIRED APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

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- Attachment A: ARG Project Budget and Budget Narrative **(REQUIRED)**
- Attachment B: Project Work Plan **(REQUIRED)**
- Attachment C: Criteria and Assurance for NGOs that Receive BSCC Grant Funds as a Subcontractor **(REQUIRED)**
- Attachment D: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft, and Embezzlement **(REQUIRED)**
- Attachment E: Governing Board Resolution or Other Proof of Signing Authority **(not required at time of application, but must be submitted prior to contract execution)**

# BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Applicants may but are not required to submit a bibliography.

- Modern Language Association (MLA) or American Psychological Association (APA) style in the “OPTIONAL Bibliography” field in the BSCC Submittable Application portal.
- May not exceed 2,218 total characters (includes punctuation, numbers, spaces, and any text).
- In Microsoft Word, this is approximately one (1) page in Arial 12-point font with one-inch margins on all four sides and at 1.5-line spacing.

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## DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

**PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY**



The following will result in an automatic disqualification:

- Proposal submission is not received by **5:00 P.M. (PST) Monday, March 3, 2025**. *(Allow sufficient time to upload all required documents in the BSCC Submittable Application portal. Do not wait until the last minute!)*
- Proposal (with all required attachments) is not submitted via the BSCC Submittable portal. **Email submissions will not be accepted.**
- Applicant is not a Community-Based Organization (CBO) located in the State of California.
- Applicant does not meet CBO eligibility requirements listed on page 7.
- Budget Attachment (Excel attachment) is not submitted through the BSCC Submittable portal, is blank, or the total amount requested exceeds the maximum funding thresholds (see Table 4 on page 15).
- Attachment(s) are illegible.
- Attachment(s) will not open or the file(s) are corrupted.

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## Additional BSCC Requirements

The BSCC may elect not to enter into a Grant Agreement with your organization if any of the following are true:

- Your organization had a BSCC grant terminated in the past three years.
- Your organization has overdue deliverables that have not been submitted (e.g., Final Local Evaluation Report).
- Your organization has unpaid financial obligations due to the BSCC.

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Activity	Date
Release Request for Proposals	November 22, 2024
Grant Information Session (via Zoom) for Prospective Applicants	December 17, 2024
Letter of Intent Due to the BSCC <i>(not required)</i>	January 17, 2025
<b>Proposals Due to the BSCC</b>	<b>March 3, 2025</b>
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	March – June 2024
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 19, 2025
Notice to Grantees	June 2025
<b>Grant Period Begins</b>	<b>July 1, 2025</b>
Mandatory New Grantee Orientation	August 2025 (TBD)
Grant Service Period Ends	June 30, 2028
Final Evaluation Report and Program Audit Due	December 31, 2028

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Submission must be received by 5:00 P.M. (PST) on:

**Monday, March 3, 2025.**

Allow sufficient time to upload all required documents in the BSCC Submittable Application portal.

**Do not wait until the last minute!**

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