

## **BSCC BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLAN**

The goal of the BSCC Program and Budget plan for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funding is to develop a multipronged approach to decreasing gun violence in California, supporting local jurisdictions in their efforts to improve firearms relinquishment procedures and supporting the enhancement of collaborative court programs that address behavioral health issues, with a focus on people who are at higher risk for gun violence.

BSCC will implement this plan by way of two sets of subawards in amounts determined by the Byrne SCIP allocation formula established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The proposed subawards are as follows:

**Subawards to the Judicial Council of California:** The BSCC will make two subawards totaling \$17,262,026 to the Judicial Council of California (JCC) to administer the court-related aspects of the plan. These subawards will support two initiatives:

- Fund programs that address behavioral health needs for people in the criminal court system who are likely to use guns or be the victims of gun violence.
- Conduct an operational review to identify best practices for firearms relinquishment in criminal courts.

The first subaward to the Judicial Council will be in the amount of \$16,264,529 to expand and enhance collaborative courts and to conduct the abovementioned operational review.

The second subaward will be in the amount of \$997,497 to expand and enhance collaborative courts in state courts that serve California's "Less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions."

The JCC will announce a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to all California courts advertising the opportunity through multiple channels within the judicial branch. The JCC's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee (CJCAC) will serve as advisors throughout the entire process. They will review the RFP draft and final recommendations for the awards. The RFP will detail program objectives and legislative mandates and require applicant courts to describe how they will use the requested funding for collaborative court programs that include a focus on populations who are likely to use guns or be the victims of gun violence. The panel that reviews proposals will be comprised of JCC staff familiar with collaborative courts, mental health treatment and California law related to firearms safety.

An effort will be made to adequately fund as many eligible court programs as possible, emphasizing a diversity of program types throughout the state, including those from the "less than \$10,000 jurisdictions."

**Subawards to Units of Local Government:** BSCC will make subawards totaling \$10,694,933 to units of local governments by way of a competitive RFP. Eligible applicants will be California counties and cities. The RFP will seek to fund programs that support activities listed in the Byrne SCIP solicitation, including but not limited:

- Communication, education, outreach, and public awareness;
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others;
- Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns.

Recognizing that different-sized jurisdictions have different capacities, resources, and needs, the RFP will offer grants in two categories within which applicants can compete. Maximum funding thresholds will be established for each category so small scope projects do not compete against large scope projects:

- Small scope projects will be allocated approximately \$3,208,480 and proposals in this category will be limited to requests of up to \$500,000.
- Large scope projects will be allocated approximately \$7,486,453 and proposals in this category will be limited to requests of up to \$1,000,000.

The RFP will require grantees to set aside no less than five percent of the total grant award for data collection and evaluation efforts, to include the development of the Local Evaluation Plan and a Final Local Evaluation Report.

The RFP will be submitted to the BSCC for approval to be released. The proposals received will be rated by a Scoring Panel convened for the RFP. Once proposals are rated, the resulting funding recommendations will be approved by the BSCC Board.

**Administrative Costs:** The Program and Budget plan will allocate \$1,274,115 to the BSCC for administrative costs.