

**AGENDA ITEM: E****MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2025**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Eddie Escobar, Field Representative, [eddie.escobar@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:eddie.escobar@bscc.ca.gov)**SUBJECT:** Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Cohort 3, Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

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**Summary**

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Cohort 3 awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) (Attachment E-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, **15 federally recognized Indian tribes** in California will receive \$12.93 million. Cohort 3 will run from August 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment E-2 and corresponding project summaries are provided in Attachment E-3.

**Background**

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Grant Program. Per the Budget Act, funds shall be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) as competitive grants 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 on jurisdictional issues between state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

**Cohort 3**

The BSCC awarded all expected MMIP Grant Program funding through Cohorts 1 and 2, using annual budget appropriations from Fiscal Years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Budget Act of 2024 (Senate Bill 108, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024), however, contained an unexpected one-time augmentation of \$13.25 million (Attachment E-4). After deducting five percent of this amount for the administration of the grant, \$12.93 million was made available for a third round of grant funding.

- On November 21, 2024, the Board approved the re-release of the [Cohort 3 MMIP RFP](#) with a proposal due date of April 18, 2025.
- To inform the tribal community of the additional funding for Cohort 3, BSCC representatives conducted extensive outreach to tribal associations and at tribal

events. Virtual information sessions were also held to provide clarification on application instructions and answer technical questions from prospective applicants.

- The BSCC received 21 proposals requesting almost \$23.98 million in funding. After a technical review, 19 of the proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the MMIP ESC for funding consideration.
- Once all ESC scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of all proposals eligible for funding. Fourteen proposals are recommended for full funding. One applicant who fell at the funding cut-off point on the ranked list is recommended for partial funding. If the Board approves the ESC funding recommendations, all \$12.93 million would be allocated.

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### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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

1. Make conditional awards to fully fund 14 MMIP proposals, totaling \$12.58 million;
2. Partially fund one proposal for \$344,489, as it fell at the funding cut-off on the rank-ordered list;
3. Authorize staff to continue awarding funds from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award, relinquishes an award, or is deemed ineligible first by offering to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s);
4. Authorize staff to continue awarding funds from the rank-ordered list during the grant period if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant period or relinquishes the award during the grant period; and
5. Dissolve the MMIP Executive Steering Committee upon approval of the funding recommendations.

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### **Attachments**

E-1: MMIP Executive Steering Committee Roster

E-2: MMIP Proposals Recommended for Funding

E-3: MMIP Project Summaries

E-4: Budget Act of 2024 Excerpt (Senate Bill 108, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024)