

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant, Cohort 3 – Nine-Month, No-Cost Extension:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval for a nine-month, no-cost extension to the Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Cohort 3 grant agreements, for those grantees that did not receive a full Cohort 4 award. This extension will allow grantees that experienced start-up and implementation delays to spend down their full grant award and avoid reverting unspent funds that otherwise could be used to deliver critical reentry services to the eligible population. If approved, this action will extend the service delivery period for currently funded grantees to September 30, 2026, and the grant agreement end date to January 31, 2027.

Background

The Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Program was established in the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and has received additional funding annually for rental assistance and the warm hand-off and reentry of people transitioning from state prison to their communities. The BSCC has administered the ARG Program without interruption since its establishment.

ARG Cohort 3 was funded through the Budget Act of 2021 (Assembly Bill 128, Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021), which appropriated \$67 million, and the Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022), which appropriated an additional \$57 million. After deducting five percent of the award for BSCC administrative costs, there was \$117,800,000 available for Cohort 3, which was equally split between Rental Assistance and Warm Hand-Off Reentry Services (WHO), as mandated.

On September 8, 2022, the Board approved awards totaling \$115,515,557 to 23 community-based organizations (CBOs) for Rental Assistance grants and 80 CBOs for WHO grants. These grants were approved for a grant period from October 1, 2022, to April 30, 2026. The grant period consists of a service delivery period from October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, and a four-month final audit and evaluation period from January 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026.

Many of the ARG grantees have experienced start-up delays and other service delivery challenges and, as a result, they are projected to have unspent funds at the end of the service delivery period. This amendment changes the end of service delivery period from December 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026, and pushes the end of the four-month final audit and evaluation period (and grant agreement end date) from April 30, 2026 to January 31, 2027. Corresponding reporting requirements, to include quarterly progress reports and financial invoices, will also be extended. No other terms of the grant agreement will be impacted.

In order to avoid overlapping service delivery periods and allow organizations to concentrate efforts on their newly-funded project, this extension will not be offered to Cohort 3 grantees that received a full Cohort 4 award. A list of grantees that will receive the nine-month, no-cost extension is included in Attachment B-1.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve nine-month, no-cost extensions to the Adult Reentry Grant Cohort 3 grant agreements, to extend the grant agreement end date from April 30, 2026 to January 31, 2027. This extension will be available only to grantees that did not receive a full Cohort 4 award.

Attachment

B-1: List of Grantees to Receive No-Cost Extension