

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM: C**

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant, Cohort 4 - Six-Month, No-Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

To process an unprecedented number of proposals received in response to the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Cohort 5 Request for Proposals (RFP), BSCC pushed back the anticipated start date for Cohort 5. In response, this agenda item requests Board approval for a six-month, no-cost extension for the CalVIP Cohort 4 grant agreements, to avoid a gap between cohorts. If approved, this action will extend the service delivery period for currently funded grantees to June 30, 2026, and the grant agreement end date to December 31, 2026. This action would carry a special condition under which any Cohort 4 grantee awarded a Cohort 5 grant must conclude Cohort 4 service delivery before initiating Cohort 5 activities, to ensure there is no overlap in service delivery under the two grants.

Background

Formerly known as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant, the State Legislature established the CalVIP Grant in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. In 2019, the CalVIP Grant was codified as the Break the Cycle of Violence Act (Assembly Bill 1603, Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), establishing the authority and duties of the BSCC in administering the program.

To date, the BSCC has administered four rounds of CalVIP funding, providing more than \$250 million toward local violence intervention and prevention efforts, most recently through Cohort 4. On June 9, 2022, the Board approved \$156 million in Cohort 4 CalVIP funding for 79 cities and community-based organizations (CBOs), for a grant term of July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025. On September 8, 2022, the Board approved an additional \$53 million in Cohort 4 CalVIP funding for 29 cities and CBOs, for a grant term of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025. Both grant terms included a service delivery period that was set to end June 30, 2025 and a six-month period for audit and evaluation, set to end on December 31, 2025.

Delays in the Start-Up of Cohort 5

Effective July 1, 2024, the CalVIP Grant is funded by an excise tax. Assembly Bill 28 (AB 28) (Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023), also known as the [Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act](#), imposed an excise tax in the amount of 11 percent of the gross receipts from the retail sale in California of firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition. Revenues collected are deposited annually into the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund, which will be used to fund various gun violence prevention, education, research, response, and investigation programs, including the CalVIP grant program. AB 28 allocated the first \$75 million available in the fund (or as much of that amount as is available) annually to the BSCC.

With this new funding, the BSCC planned to start the CalVIP Cohort 5 grant cycle on July 1, 2025. However, a projected delay in the disbursement of the funds caused BSCC to push back the start date to January 1, 2026. Consequently, on November 21, 2024, the Board approved a six-month, no-cost extension on the CalVIP Cohort 4 grant agreements, to avoid a gap between the service delivery periods of Cohorts 4 and 5.

On February 13, 2025, the Board approved the release of the CalVIP Cohort 5 RFP. In response to this RFP, BSCC received a much greater number of proposals than expected, with approximately 400 proposals submitted. To deal with this unprecedented number of proposals, BSCC will implement a three-phase process for proposal review. This new process will further delay the start of the Cohort 5 grants, necessitating a second extension.

BSCC expects to bring funding recommendations for Cohort 5 to the Board in February 2026, with an April 1, 2026 start date for the grants. This second extension will avoid a gap between the service delivery periods of Cohorts 4 and 5. It has the added benefit of providing extra time for Cohort 4 grantees that are not successful in Cohort 5, allowing them to spend down all remaining funds and conduct succession planning. Any Cohort 4 grantees that are awarded a Cohort 5 grant must conclude Cohort 4 service delivery before initiating Cohort 5 activities, to ensure there is no overlap in service delivery under the two grants.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve six-month, no-cost extensions for the CalVIP Grant Cohort 4 grant agreements, to extend the grant agreement end date from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
- Condition the extension to require Cohort 4 grantees that receive a Cohort 5 grant award to cease service delivery under Cohort 4 prior to starting service delivery under Cohort 5.