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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Grant, Cohort 3 – Six-Month, No-Cost Extension:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item seeks Board approval for a six-month, no-cost extension to the Proposition 47 (Prop 47) Cohort 3 grant agreements. This extension will enable grantees who have faced start-up delays and implementation challenges to spend down their full grant amount. It will help prevent unspent funds from being returned, which could otherwise be used to provide essential mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. If approved, this extension will prolong the service delivery period for currently funded grantees, who are not recipients of Proposition 47 Cohort 5, until September 1, 2026, and will change the grant agreement end date to December 1, 2026.

Background

Proposition 47 codified Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative. Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows: The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. Assembly Bill 1056 (Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015) added legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services, such as job skills training, case management, and civil legal services. Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles.

On September 16, 2021, the Board appointed Board Member Janet Gaard as the Chair of the Executive Steering Committee. On February 10, 2022, the Board approved the release of the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals, which made \$143,436,700 available through a competitive process to public agencies located in the State of California.

On July 25, 2022, the Board approved a total of \$124,907,667 in grants to fund 20 Large Scope proposals and four Small Scope proposals, focused on providing mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs for individuals within the criminal justice system. The grants were effective from September 1, 2022 to June 1, 2026.

The grant period included a six-month implementation phase from September 1, 2022 to March 1, 2023, followed by a three-year service delivery phase from March 2, 2023 to March 1, 2026. Finally, there was a three-month period allocated for final audits and evaluations, running from March 2, 2026 to June 1, 2026.

Several grantees from Prop 47 Cohort 3 faced start-up delays and challenges in delivering services. As a result, they are expected to have funds unspent at the conclusion of the service delivery period. This amendment extends the end date of the service delivery period from March 1, 2026 to September 1, 2026. Additionally, the final audit and evaluation due dates, along with the grant agreement end date, will be moved from June 1, 2026 to December 1, 2026. Corresponding reporting requirements, including quarterly progress reports and financial invoices, will also be extended. No other terms of the grant agreement will be affected.

In order to avoid overlapping service delivery periods and allow public agencies to concentrate efforts on their newly funded projects, this extension will not be offered to Cohort 3 grantees that received a Cohort 5 award.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve six-month, no-cost extensions to the Proposition 47 Grant Cohort 3 grant agreements, to extend the grant agreement end date from June 1, 2026 to December 1, 2026. This extension will be available only to grantees that did not receive a Cohort 5 award.