

**MEETING DATE:** February 12, 2026**AGENDA ITEM:** B**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Eddie Escobar, Field Representative, [eddie.escobar@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:eddie.escobar@bscc.ca.gov)**SUBJECT:** Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant – 12-Month, No-Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval for a 12-month, no-cost extension to the Organized Retail Theft Prevention (ORT) Grant agreements. This extension will allow grantees that experienced implementation delays and service delivery challenges to spend down their full grant award and avoid reverting unspent funds that otherwise could be used to support the State's efforts to confront organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. If approved, this action will extend the service delivery period for currently funded grantees to December 31, 2027, and the grant agreement end date to June 1, 2028.

### Background

The State Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the ORT Prevention Grant Program. Grant funding was made available to California city police departments, sheriffs' departments, and probation departments to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. Permissible uses of grant funds include, but are not limited to, the purchase of technology or other equipment to help deter theft-related property crimes, or provide strategies for preventing and responding to crime.

On September 14, 2023, the Board awarded \$242,250,000 in ORT Prevention Grant funds to 38 California law enforcement agencies. These grants were approved for a grant period of October 1, 2023, through June 1, 2027. The grant period consists of a six-month implementation phase, followed by a three-year service delivery phase ending December 31, 2026, and a five-month final audit and evaluation period, ending June 1, 2027.

Many of the ORT Prevention Grant recipients have experienced implementation delays due to staffing shortages, vendor supply chain issues, and other service delivery challenges. As a result, grantees are projected to have significant unspent funds at the conclusion of the service delivery period.

This amendment changes the end date of the service delivery period from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2027, and changes the end of the five-month final audit and evaluation period (and grant agreement end date) from June 1, 2027 to June 1, 2028. 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.

A list of the ORT Prevention Grant recipients that will receive the 12-month, no-cost extension is included as Attachment B-1

**Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve 12-month, no-cost extensions to the ORT Prevention Grant agreements, extending service delivery end date from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027, and the grant agreement end date from June 1, 2027 to June 1, 2028.

**Attachment**

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