

MEETING DATE: February 12, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: G

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 64 Health & Safety Grant Program, Cohort 4 Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety (Prop 64 PH&S) Grant Program, Cohort 4 Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment G-1). This RFP will make approximately \$125 million available to local governments to assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programming to address public health and safety impacts associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) administers the Prop 64 PH&S Grant Program, funded through the tax revenue generated by the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) Section 34019(f)(3)(C) (Attachment G-2) authorizes the BSCC to award grants to eligible local governments. To date, BSCC has administered three prior rounds of Prop 64 PH&S funding, providing more than \$125 million toward local efforts to address the public health and safety impacts associated with the legalization of marijuana in California.

The Prop 64 PH&S Grant Program eligibility criteria for local governments have evolved over the past several years through various statutory amendments.

- In 2019, language in the RTC prohibited the BSCC from making grants to any local governments that banned all indoor and outdoor cultivation, including personal cultivation, or retail sale of marijuana or marijuana products.
- In 2020, Assembly Bill 1872 expanded RTC eligibility to include any local government that did not ban both indoor and outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation, or ban retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products under Business and Professions Code Section 26200 or as otherwise provided by law.
- In 2025, Senate Bill 141 updated the RTC to broaden eligibility criteria, removing language around cultivation. A local government is now eligible for a Prop 64 PH&S grant if it allows the retail sale of cannabis in storefronts or, for jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 residents or less, allows cannabis delivery in the jurisdiction that serves both medicinal and adult-use consumers. The updated statute also requires

BSCC to prioritize grant awards for local governments whose grant application includes illicit cannabis enforcement.

Planning for Cohort 4

Approximately \$125 million in cannabis tax revenue is estimated to be available for the Prop 64 PH&S Cohort 4 RFP, inclusive of allowable administrative costs.

The Board previously established an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to support RFP development; however, recent recruitment efforts did not yield sufficient participation to convene a full committee, primarily due to conflict-of-interest concerns. To avoid further delays and ensure the grant can be released on schedule, staff recommend using a modified version of the prior RFP for Cohort 4.

BSCC worked closely with the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) in the development of the modified RFP for Cohort 4, to include recommendations gathered from extensive outreach efforts on the part of DCC. Key components for Cohort 4 include:

- Updated applicant categories that correspond to the size of an eligible jurisdiction, i.e. cities and counties:
 - Small jurisdictions = population fewer than 50,000
 - Medium jurisdictions = population between 50,000 and 500,000
 - Large jurisdictions = population greater than 500,000
- Updated distribution of available grant funding across applicant categories, to include:
 - 15 percent for small jurisdictions: \$18.75 million
 - 35 percent for medium jurisdictions: \$43.75 million
 - 30 percent for large jurisdictions: \$37.5 million

Note: Applicants not funded through one of the three jurisdictional categories will compete for the remaining 20 percent of grant funds, regardless of the size of the jurisdiction (this was a recommendation of the original Prop 64 ESC).

- Updated maximum grant awards to correspond to applicant categories:
 - Eligible small jurisdictions may apply for up to \$1 million
 - Eligible medium jurisdictions may apply for up to \$4.5 million
 - Eligible large jurisdictions may apply for up to \$6 million
- Applicants must propose projects that fall within one of four Project Purpose Areas (PPAs), as established by the original ESC:
 - PPA 1: Youth Development/Youth Prevention and Intervention
 - PPA 2: Public Health
 - PPA 3: Public Safety/Enforcement
 - PPA 4: Environmental Impacts
- Priority points will be given to eligible jurisdictions that propose to dedicate a minimum of 70 percent of a total grant award to illicit cannabis enforcement efforts under PPA 3. For purposes of the Prop 64 PH&S Cohort 4 grant, “enforcement” refers to the

coordinated activities undertaken by a local jurisdiction to identify, investigate, disrupt, and deter illicit commercial cannabis operations.

In the absence of an ESC, staff request approval to convene a Scoring Panel comprised of subject matter experts. BSCC will rely heavily on DCC to assist in the recruitment of Scoring Panel members, with a focus on state agency partners who are not eligible to apply for the grant. The Scoring Panel will receive training from BSCC Research staff, read and rate proposals, and make funding recommendations to the Board.

Proposed Activities

Below are the proposed activities and tentative timeline for administering a competitive RFP process for the Prop 64 PH&S Grant Program, Cohort 4.

| Activity | Date |
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| Release Request for Proposals | February 13, 2026 |
| Grant Information Session for Prospective Applicants | March 2, 2026 |
| Proposals Due to the BSCC by 3:00 p.m. PST | March 30, 2026 |
| Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations | April 2026 to June 2026 |
| BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations | June 25, 2026 |
| Grant Period Begins | July 1, 2026 |
| Mandatory Cohort 4 Grantee Orientation | July or August 2026 |
| Local Evaluation Plan Due | December 31, 2026 |
| Grant Project Period Ends | June 30, 2031 |
| Final Evaluation Report and Audit Due / End of Grant | December 31, 2031 |

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommend that the Board:

1. Authorize BSCC staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program, Cohort 4.
2. Authorize BSCC staff to establish a diverse Scoring Panel with relevant subject matter expertise and adjust membership as needed, including the potential inclusion of BSCC staff as raters.
3. Authorize the Scoring Panel to make funding recommendations to the Board.
4. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline for the Prop 64 PH&S Grant Cohort 4 RFP.

Attachments

G-1: Proposition 64 PH&S, Cohort 4 RFP

G-2: Rev. & Tax. Code, § 34019, subd. (f)(3)(C).