

DATE: April 16, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM:** B
TO: BSCC Chair and Members
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SUBJECT: Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Cohort 3 – Nine Month, No Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a nine-month, no-cost extension for grantees funded under Cohort 3 of the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This extension will provide grantees that have not fully expended their awards additional time to administer their programs and will help maintain continuity of the JAG Program pending release of the next Request for Proposals (RFP), which has been postponed due to a delay in the release of the FFY 2025 federal award by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the designated State Administering Agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through BJA. (Pen. Code, § 6024, subd. (f).) The JAG Program is the primary source of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions.

The grant period for Cohort 3 of the JAG Program currently runs from June 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026. This includes a three-year service delivery period and a close-out period for evaluation and audit. Many of the Cohort 3 JAG grantees have faced significant challenges and late starts related to delays in hiring grant staff and executing subcontracts. Several grantees have submitted budget modifications to adjust for these challenges. Providing an additional nine months will extend the service delivery period to June 30, 2027, giving grantees additional time to provide critical services in the JAG program areas of prevention and education, prosecution and court, drug treatment, mental health, and law enforcement. Grantees will then have three months for close out activities, with the grant period ending on September 30, 2027.

A delay in the release of the federal JAG award for FFY 2025 contributes to the need for this extension. BSCC had planned for the next JAG cohort to begin July 1, 2026, coinciding with the end of the Cohort 3 service delivery period on June 30, 2026. However, the FFY 2025 federal solicitation was not released until late March of 2026 and BSCC is still in the application process. Extending the Cohort 3 awards by nine months will allow BSCC to align the end of the service delivery period for Cohort 3 with the anticipated start of the next cohort on July 1, 2027.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve a nine-month, no-cost extension for Justice Assistance Grant, Cohort 3, extending the end of the grant period to September 30, 2027.

Attachment

B-1: List of JAG Cohort 3 Grant Recipients