

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2026**AGENDA ITEM:** G**TO:** Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Chair and Members**FROM:** Juanita Hernandez, Field Representative,
juanita.hernandez@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Updated Program and Budget Plan for the FFY 2025 State Crisis Intervention Program: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval¹ of an updated Program and Budget Plan for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP), Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025. The updated Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan proposes to continue implementation of the BSCC's multipronged approach to decreasing gun violence in California through subawards to the Judicial Council of California (JCC) and units of local government. The updated Plan reflects an adjustment to the way the JCC administers its subaward. Under the updated Program and Budget Plan, the JCC is now seeking a smaller grant amount and will not administer a separate subaward process to fund collaborative courts.

Background

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159 (June 25, 2022) 126 Stat.1313), Byrne SCIP provides federal formula funds to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. On July 13, 2026, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded \$14,672,295 in FFY 2025 Byrne SCIP funding to the BSCC.

The last update to BSCC's Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan was approved by the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board on November 21, 2024. That action authorized BSCC to continue using its established funding structure for future awards, in which the BSCC administers one subaward to the JCC and a separate set of subawards to units of local governments. With a portion of its last two subawards, the JCC has administered the court-related aspects of the Plan, which has included a separate competitive subaward process to fund collaborative courts at the local level.

For this next round of SCIP funding, the JCC has indicated that it will not administer a competitive subaward process, as there is insufficient capacity or need at the local level to warrant another round of funding for collaborative courts. Therefore, the updated Program and Budget Plan for FFY 2025 (Attachment G-1) reflects a significantly smaller subaward than the last two rounds, in which the JCC received \$17 million and \$10 million, respectively.

¹ In the FFY 2025 solicitation for Byrne SCIP, BJA removed the requirement for a separate Advisory Board to approve the Program and Budget Plan..

Under the updated Program and Budget Plan:

1. **Subaward to JCC.** The BSCC will subaward \$1,000,000 to the JCC to administer the court-related aspects of the plan. This subaward will support two initiatives. The JCC will:
 - Continue training and technical assistance efforts put in place with prior SCIP projects to enhance previously funded collaborative courts.
 - Support Superior Courts that serve California's smaller, "Less than \$10,000 jurisdictions" to attend education and training events.
2. **Subawards to units of local government.** The BSCC will make subawards totaling \$13,161,260 to units of local government via a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP). Eligible applicants will be California counties and cities. The RFP will seek to fund programs that support activities listed in the FFY 2025 Byrne SCIP solicitation², including but not limited to:
 - Referrals to Treatment for People in Crisis
 - Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs
 - Court-Based Programming
 - Extreme Risk Protection Order Programs

The RFP will offer grants in two categories within which applicants can compete, small- and large-scope projects. Maximum funding thresholds will be established for each, as follows:

- Thirty (30) percent of the available funds will be allocated to the small-scope project category, and proposals in this category may apply for up to \$500,000 each.
- Seventy (70) percent of available funds will be allocated to the large-scope project category, and proposals in this category may apply for up to \$1,000,000 each.

The RFP will be submitted to the Board for approval before being released. The proposals received will be rated by a Scoring Panel convened for this RFP. Once proposals are rated, the resulting funding recommendations will be submitted to the Board for approval.

The updated Program and Budget Plan will allocate \$511,035 to the BSCC for administrative costs.

² The FFY 2025 Byrne SCIP solicitation contains a new prohibition that no award funds may be used for any expenses related to "public awareness campaigns for an extreme risk protection order program." This means that "Communication, Education, and Public Awareness of Existing Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Laws," one of the activities formerly eligible for Byrne SCIP funding, will no longer appear in the Program and Budget Plan or the RFP. Because the JCC will no longer administer a competitive RFP, the BSCC has added "Court-Based Programming" to its Program and Budget Plan.

Upon the Board's approval of the updated Program and Budget Plan, BSCC will submit the plan to the BJA as required by the Byrne SCIP federal solicitation.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommend that the BSCC Board take the following actions:

- Approve the updated Program and Budget Plan for the FFY 2025 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program, including related Attachments G-1 and G-2.

Attachment

G-1: Byrne SCIP Updated Program and Budget Plan FFY 2025

G-2: Summary of Byrne SCIP Budget FFY 2025