

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Cohort II Grant Program, 12-Month, No-Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a twelve-month (12), no-cost grant term extension for four (4) Proposition 47 Cohort II grantees through May 15, 2024. These grantees experienced implementation delays and service interruptions due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and were unable to deliver services as planned. A twelve-month (12), no-cost extension will allow for additional time to implement programming as originally intended, and to spend down funds in accordance with their grant agreements

Background

Proposition 47 was a 2014 voter-approved initiative, codified in Government Code sections 7599-7599.2, that reduced sentencing penalties for some lower-level crimes (Attachment B-1). Its purpose, as stated in the 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, maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and invest the savings generated from this Act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. (Ballot Pamp., General Elec. (November 4, 2014) text of Prop. 47, p. 70.)

The BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

Assembly Bill 1056 (Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015) added related legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and other 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 (Attachment B-2).

The City of Corning, Nevada County Behavioral Health, Orange County Behavioral Health, and Pasadena Unified School District have experienced staffing shortages, service delays, or significant reductions in program referrals while complying with COVID-19 health and

safety protocols (Attachment B-3). To maximize the number of clients that can be served, deliver services as intended, and to meet grant obligations, a 12-month extension from May 15, 2023 to May 15, 2024 is requested. No additional funding is requested to complete the programs.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a 12-month (12), no-cost grant term extension for the City of Corning, Nevada County Behavioral Health, Orange County Behavioral Health, and Pasadena Unified School District Proposition 47 Cohort II grantees through May 15, 2024.

Attachments

- B-1: Proposition 47 Summary
- B-2: AB 1056 Summary
- B-3: Proposal Summaries