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AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Title II Grant Program, State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) Three-year State Plan:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Title II Grant Program Three-Year State Plan covering 2021-2023, as recommended by the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP).

Background

The Title II Grant Program is authorized under the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018 and administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The Title II Formula Grants Program assists state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. Grant funds may be used to support programs and activities identified in the JJRA, including: planning and administration; state advisory group allocation; compliance monitoring; programs to reduce racial and ethnic disparity; and alternatives to incarceration¹.

OJJDP requires states that receive Title II awards to establish a State Advisory Group (SAG) to prepare and administer the state's comprehensive three-year juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plan for the administration of Title II grant funds. In California, the designated SAG is the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). The SACJJDP is a Governor-appointed committee that serves as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee to support policy and programs designed to improve outcomes for system-involved young people (Attachment B-1).

Per federal requirements (34 U.S.C. § 11133) the following components must be included in a State Plan:

- In order to receive formula grants under this part, a State shall submit a plan for carrying out its purposes applicable to a three-year period.
- The plan shall be amended annually to include new programs, projects, and activities.

¹ 34 U.S.C. § 11133 (9) (A-W)

- The State shall submit annual performance reports to the Administrator, which shall describe progress in implementing programs contained in the original plan, and
- It shall describe how the State plan is supported by or takes account of scientific knowledge regarding adolescent development and behavior and regarding the effects of delinquency prevention programs and juvenile justice interventions on adolescents.
- Not later than 60 days after the date on which a plan or amended plan submitted under this subsection is finalized, a State shall make the plan or amended plan publicly available by posting the plan or amended plan on the State's publicly available website.
- It shall demonstrate that the applicant satisfies the 33 statutory requirements of the state plan listed in 34 U.S.C. § 11133(a), including the requirement to provide data and documentation to demonstrate compliance with the four core requirements of the Formula Grants Program and the adequacy of the state's compliance monitoring system.
- It shall provide a coherent narrative setting forth a three-year plan for the proposed uses of the Title II funds based on the state's juvenile delinquency crime analysis and in accordance with the JJDP Act of 1974 (as amended through P.L. 115-385).
- It shall explain how and with what other delinquency prevention and related programs operated by entities within the state the designated agency coordinates, as required by Section 223 (a) (8) (i.e., programs operated by public and private agencies and organizations, and other related programs such as education, special education, recreation, health, and welfare programs).

To inform the development of the three-year state plan, the SACJJDP requested feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders (e.g., youth, service providers, CBOs, county agencies, etc.) on funding priorities for the next three-year period of the Title II Grant Program (Attachment B-2). The Title II Program can fund a variety of Program Purpose Areas that include but are not limited to After School Programs, Child Abuse and Neglect Programs, and Delinquency Prevention.

Public input was gathered through a virtual listening session on November 12, 2020, through distribution of an electronic survey in April 2021, and through local community input sessions. The SACJJDP considered the diverse feedback that was provided and identified the following Program Purpose Areas for the 2021-2023 Title II State Plan:

- Aftercare/Reentry
- Alternatives to Detention and Placement
- Community-Based Programs and Services
- Diversion
- Job Training
- Mentoring, Counseling, and Training Programs

Following the approval of the 2021-2024 Title II State Plan (Attachment B-3), the SACJJDP (or a subcommittee established by the SACJJDP) will develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) that reflects the above Program Purpose Areas. The RFP will then be approved at a board meeting prior to its release.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

- Approve the Title II Grant Program 2021-2021 Three-Year State Plan as recommended by the SACJJDP;
- Direct the SACJJDP to develop a Request for Proposals that supports the State Plan, which may include establishing a subcommittee for grant development, if appropriate.

Attachments

B-1: State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Roster

B-2: Title Grant Program Purpose Areas

B-3: Title II Grant Program Three-Year State Plan