

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023 **AGENDA ITEM:** B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Title II Grant Program -Tribal Request for Proposals: Requesting Approval: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a Title II Grant Program - Tribal Request for Proposals as recommended by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) and the Title II Executive Steering Committee.

Background

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), as reauthorized and amended by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, is the federal statute that establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant, in part, by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Corrections is the state agency that receives and administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award the majority of these funds to units of local government, nonprofits, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) (referred to as local private agencies in the JJDP), and Indian tribes consistent with the purpose and intent of the JJDP.

OJJDP requires that states receiving Title II awards establish a State Advisory Group to advise on Title II activities. In California, this State Advisory Group is the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Attachment B-1). The SACJJDP is a Governor-appointed committee serving as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that works on behalf of the Governor to support policy and programs that improve outcomes for young people in the justice system. The SACJJDP recently developed California's Title II 2021-2023 State Plan. This grant program will fulfill the goals and objectives of this State Plan and JJDP requirements.

This Title II Grant Program funds the following six Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

1. Aftercare/Reentry
2. Alternatives to Detention
3. Community-Based Programs & Services
4. Diversion
5. Mentoring, Counseling & Training Programs
6. Job Training

On June 10, 2021, the Board authorized SACJJDPC Chair Rachel Rios to convene an ESC and to oversee the development of the Title II Request for Proposals (RFP). The ESC met March 16 - 17, 2022 to develop the RFP. The RFP was presented to the Board for approval and released on June 9, 2022. That RFP included a set-aside to fund a California tribal applicant or applicant Lead agency partnering with a California tribe. However, no proposals were received that met the criteria.

The SACJJDPC convened on March 9, 2023 and agreed to release a Tribal-specific RFP for the Title II Grant Program (Attachment B-2). This RFP removes references that are not specific to Tribal applicants and is streamlined to elicit greater interest and responses from Tribal communities.

Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year cycle of up to \$350,000 annually. \$350,000 is anticipated to be available statewide for the first year of the grant cycle. Funding and amounts for the second year (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) and the third year (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026) are contingent on federal OJJDP Title II awards and the amounts are not yet known.

Key Request for Proposal Components

- Federally recognized Indian Tribes in California, or a nonprofit nongovernmental organization partnering with a federally recognized Indian Tribe in California are eligible to apply.
- Successful Indian Tribes are required to pass through a minimum of 70 percent of grant funding to at least one direct service provider. A direct service provider must be a non-governmental organization. An Indian Tribe can satisfy the pass-through requirement if the Indian Tribe provides the direct services.
- The highest scoring proposal that meets the minimum scoring threshold submitted by a California tribal applicant or applicant Lead agency partnering with a California tribe will be funded.
- There is no match requirement.
- The target population for the Title II Grant Program - Tribal is tribal youth under the age of 26 who are at-risk or have been under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive Title II Grant Program - Tribal Request for Proposals.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	April 13, 2023
Release Request for Proposals	April 13, 2023
Bidder's Conference	May 2, 2023
Letter of Intent due to BSCC	May 5, 2023
Proposals Due to the BSCC	June 9, 2023
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	June – August, 2023
SACJJDP Meeting for approval of funding recommendation to the Board.	August 24, 2023
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	September 14, 2023
Grants Begins	October 1, 2023

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and release the Title II Grant Program - Tribal Request for Proposals as recommended by the SACJJDP.

Attachments

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

B-2: Title II Grant Program - Tribal Request for Proposals