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AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Update and No Cost Extensions: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a no-cost, 12-month extension for current Proposition 47 grantees. The extension would allow current grantees additional time to run their programs to account for time-consuming startup activities that delayed the initiation of service delivery.

Background

Proposition 47 (Attachment C-1) was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot. Its purpose, as stated in the ballot 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, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As stated in the proposition, 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 (Statutes of 2015, Chapter 438) added legislative priorities for this grant program including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, job-skills training, case management and civil legal services. Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles (Attachment C-2).

Proposition 47 Grant

The Proposition 47 grant program provides funding for mental health services, substance-use-disorder treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. In 2017, 58 public agencies responded to the RFP and more than \$250 million was requested for the \$103 million that was available. The Board ultimately approved funding for 23 public agencies, and they are under contract from June 2017 to August 2020 (Attachment C-3).

Almost all grantees have experienced implementation delays during the first 12 months of operation. Challenges were varied and include: multiple releases of local Request for Proposals due to poor and/or unsatisfactory responses; time-consuming local contracting rules and procedures; the interviewing, hiring and training of new staff; complex City and County rate negotiations with community-based providers; and development of data sharing agreements.

In short, although some grantees are providing some services, the startup activities for all grantees proved time-consuming. As a result, very few, if any, Prop 47 grantees will exhaust their funding by the end of the current grant cycle. Providing a no cost, 12-month extension until August 2021 will allow current grantees additional time to deliver services and would help offset the startup activities that delayed the initiation of service delivery.

Recommendation/Action Needed

1. Staff recommends that the Board approve a no-cost, 12-month extension for current Proposition 47 grantees.

Attachments

C-1: Proposition 47

C-2: Assembly Bill 1056

C-3: Proposition 47 Grant Program Summaries