

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a 12-month, no-cost extension for one Proposition 47 Cohort II grantee. Santa Ana Unified School District experienced implementation delays and service interruption due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and was unable to deliver services as planned. An extension until May 15, 2024, would allow for additional time to operate programs and spend down grant funds in accordance with the grant agreement.

Background

Proposition 47 enacted Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative that reduced sentencing penalties for some lower-level crimes (Attachment C-1). Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows:

Proposition 47, Government Code sections 7599-7599.2, known as the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, was enacted 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 (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 C-2).

For the August 2019 – May 2023 Proposition 47 Cohort II grant period, the Board awarded the Santa Ana Unified School District with \$2.75 million to provide comprehensive mental

health, substance use disorder, and diversion programs to eight school sites in the City of Santa Ana. However, Santa Ana Unified School District has experienced staffing shortages, service delays, and significant reductions in program referrals while complying with COVID-19 health and safety protocols (Attachment C-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 has been requested.

On November 17, 2022, the Board approved a 12-month extension for the City of Corning, Nevada County Behavioral Health, Orange County Behavioral Health, and the Pasadena Unified School District. Santa Ana Unified School District alerted the BSCC staff to the need for an extension after the November Board. No additional funding is requested to complete the programs and no additional extension requests are anticipated.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a 12-month, no-cost grant extension for the Santa Ana Unified School District Proposition 47 Cohort II program through May 15, 2024.

Recommendation/Action Needed

- C-1: Proposition 47 Summary
- C-2: Assembly Bill 1056 Summary
- C-3: Santa Ana Unified School District Proposal Summary