

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Tribal Youth Diversion (TYD) Grant Program, Six-month, No-Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a six-month, no-cost grant-term extension for two Tribal Youth Diversion Cohort I grantees, the Karuk Tribe and Pinoleville Pomo Nation. These grantees experienced implementation delays and service interruption due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and were unable to deliver services as planned. The extensions would allow for additional time to operate programs and spend down grant funds in accordance with grant agreements.

Background

The Tribal Youth Diversion Grant (TYD) program was originally established as part of the Youth Reinvestment Grant that was created through enactment of the 2018 Budget Act (Chapter 29) and the related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2018). Per the 2018 Budget Act, TYD grants support Indian tribes in the implementation of diversion programs for Indian children using trauma informed, community-based, and health-based interventions. Funding priority must be given to diversion programs that address the needs of Indian children who experience high rates of juvenile arrests, high rates of suicide, high rates of alcohol and substance abuse, and high school graduation rates that are lower than 75 percent.

As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, both grantees experienced implementation delays while complying with health and safety protocols. Specifically, programming spaces were unavailable, services could not be delivered as intended due to social distancing requirements, established referral networks were paused indefinitely, pro-social networks and mentoring opportunities were interrupted. Consequently, youth participation in services declined significantly. Providing a six-month, no-cost grant-term extension through December 2022 will allow these two grantees additional time to deliver services, offsetting the time lost at the start of the grant. Without a grant term extension, both agreements would end in June 2022.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a six-month, no-cost grant-term extension for the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program - Cohort 1 grantees.

Recommendation/Action Needed

C-1: Project Abstracts for the Karuk Tribe and Pinoleville Pomo Nation.