

**MEETING DATE:** November 14, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:** D

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** 2019 Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval for the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment D-1) developed by the Tribal Youth Diversion Executive Steering Committee (Attachment D-2).

### Background

Funding first was made available for tribal diversion programs in the 2018 Budget Act. The associated trailer bill, Assembly Bill 1812, provided structure for the program. In that first round, \$1.1 million of the Youth Reinvestment Grant was set aside for grants to Indian tribes.

An additional \$10 million in funding for the Tribal Youth Diversion (TYD) program was made available by the 2019 Budget Act (Attachment C-3 (previous item)). As with the original grant, the 2019 TYD funds must be awarded to federally recognized Indian Tribes through a competitive grant process designed to fund diversion programs that are trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based. The requirements are consistent with the first-round grant program that the Board awarded to two tribes in June.

At its July 11, 2019 meeting, the Board appointed Board Member Michael Ertola to serve as chair of the 2019 TYD Executive Steering Committee. In addition, the Board authorized the ESC to oversee grant development and authorized BSCC staff to work with the ESC chair to assemble the rest of the ESC for this purpose. The BSCC invited the original Tribal Advisory Group members to continue with this new process, while also providing an opportunity for others interested in serving on the ESC to submit statements of interest. A group of subject-matter experts – some new and some returning – was assembled, representing various disciplines and geographic areas of California. On September 24, 2019, the ESC met and developed key decisions relative to this grant. Those decisions are reflected in the attached RFP.

### Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants for the 2019 YRG Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program are federally recognized tribes in California.
- The total available funding for grants is \$9.7 million. Those applying may request up to \$1.4 million.

- Applicants will identify as either Urban or Rural and will compete with other applicants within their respective categories for 50 percent of the available funds (\$4.85 million for Urban and \$4.85 million for Rural).
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of 3½ years – July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.
- One or more tribes may submit applications based on diversion programs that offer a regional approach. The application will be categorized as Urban or Rural based on the designation of the lead applicant.
- Preference points will be awarded to regional applications that include at least two tribes.
- The target population to be served by the 2019 YRG Tribal Youth Diversion Program are Indian children under the age of 18 (at the time of participant enrollment) who would otherwise be facing entry to the juvenile justice system or further involvement in the system.
- Diversion services provided under this grant will be trauma-informed, community-based, and wellness-based.

### RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the 2019 YRG Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program.

<b>TENTATIVE TIMELINE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
July 11, 2019	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
August 2019	Establish the 2019 Tribal Youth Diversion Grant ESC
September 24, 2019	ESC meets for RFP development
November 14, 2019	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
November 14, 2019	Release the RFP to the field
December 2019	Bidders Conference
February 21, 2020	Proposals due to BSCC
March 2020	ESC Rater Training
May 2020	ESC rating of proposals complete
June 11, 2020	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
July 1, 2020	New TYD grants begin

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve and authorize release of the RFP as developed by the ESC.

### **Attachments**

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D-1: Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals

D-2: TYD Executive Steering Committee Roster