

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Youth Reinvestment Grant Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Youth Reinvestment Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment E-1) developed by the Youth Reinvestment Grant Executive Steering Committee (Attachment E-2). This RFP does not include the Tribal component, which will be Agenda Item F.

Background

The Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) (Attachment E-3) and the related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2018). (Attachment E-4).

The Youth Reinvestment Grant Program provides \$35,062,000 to local jurisdictions through a competitive grant process for implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate diversion programs in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests and high rates of racial/ethnic disproportionality within those juvenile arrests. Ninety percent of the awards to the local jurisdictions must be passed through to community-based organizations.

At its July 12, 2018 meeting, the Board appointed Members David Steinhart and Mark Varela to serve as co-chairs of the Youth Reinvestment Grant Executive Steering Committee to oversee the grant development process and authorized BSCC staff to work with the co-chairs to assemble the rest of the ESC for this purpose. The BSCC provided an opportunity for people interested in serving on the ESC to submit a statement of interest and a diverse group of subject matter experts was assembled, representing various disciplines and geographic areas of California. Over the course of four days in October and November, the ESC developed key concepts relative to this grant and made recommendations that are reflected in the attached RFP.

To supplement the expertise of the ESC members, public comment was accepted and incorporated into the decision-making process. Public comment was accepted via a dedicated YRG e-mailbox and during the four days of ESC meetings. Input was also received from legislative staff from Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer's office, who provided background and an overview of the legislative intent behind the YRG legislation.

Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program are California cities and counties. Successful applicants must designate a Lead Public Agency to receive 10 percent of the grant funds and coordinate grant activities within and across various entities within the jurisdiction. In addition, successful applicants must pass through 90 percent of the grant funds to community-based organizations to deliver diversion services.
- Grant funds will be split into four categories to foster an equitable distribution across small, medium and large counties. Small counties will compete with other small counties for 20 percent of the funds. Medium and large counties will compete within their own categories for 20 percent of the funds, respectively. The final 40 percent of funds will be awarded to the highest-rated of the remaining proposals. Cities will compete based on the county in which they are located.
- A maximum of \$1 million may be requested in any one application, but cities and counties may submit multiple applications, including regional applications.
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of July 1, 2019 through February 28, 2023.
- Applicants are required to provide a 25 percent match; however, those with high need but little or no existing diversion infrastructure may request a 10 percent match. The match can be cash or in-kind.
- The target population to be served are youth who are under the age of 18 (at the time of participant enrollment), located in underserved communities, 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, evidence-based, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate.
- Preference points will be awarded to those proposals that specifically incorporate the provision of diversion services to Native American youth.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	January 17, 2019
Release Request for Proposals	January 18, 2019
Bidder's Conference	February 14, 2019
Proposals Due to the BSCC (10 weeks)	March 29, 2019
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations by ESC	May – June 2019
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	June 13, 2019
Grants Begin	July 1, 2019

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

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

Attachments

- E-1: YRG Request for Proposals
- E-2: YRG Executive Steering Committee Member Roster
- E-3: YRG 2018 Budget Act Language
- E-4: YRG Welfare & Institutions Code