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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Funding Recommendations: Requesting Approval (Pending 2020-2021 Budget Act)

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval, contingent upon continued appropriation in the 2020 Budget Act, of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant funding awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the roster for which is provided in Attachment E-1. The ESC met via Skype on March 24, 2020 for rater training and then began the process of proposal rating. To the extent funding is available following final approval for the 2020 Budget Act, if the proposed list of grantees is approved, the grant period will begin July 1, 2020. Proposals recommended for funding include one urban tribe and eight rural tribes for a total of nine new Tribal Youth Diversion grantees. A list of the tribes recommended for funding is provided in Attachment E-2.

### Background

The Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program originally was established with \$1,119,000 in the 2018 Budget Act. The 2019 Budget Act appropriated an additional \$9.7 million for grants that are intended to support the implementation of diversion programs by Indian tribes for Indian children using trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.

### Key Components of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant

- Eligible applicants for the YRG Tribal Youth Diversion Grant are federally recognized tribes in California.
- The total available funding is \$9.7 million. The maximum amount that a tribe could request is \$1.4 million.
- Two funding categories were established: Urban and Rural. Applicants were asked to self-designate as urban or rural and they competed with the other applicants in their category. The BSCC received two applications from urban tribes and 20 applications from rural tribes.
- Preference points were awarded to applicants that proposed a regional approach including two or more neighboring tribes. (One application received preference points.)

- To receive funding, an applicant must receive at least 60 percent of the total points available.
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

### Executive Steering Committee

On July 11, 2019, Board Member Michael Ertola was appointed as chair of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant ESC.

Key activities that have occurred since this appointment include:

- The Board approved the release of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals on November 14, 2019, with a proposal due date of February 21, 2020. (Attachment E-3)
- Twenty-two tribes submitted applications requesting \$22.7 million. (Attachment E-4)
- ESC members attended rater training via videoconference on March 24, 2020 to develop funding recommendations. Over the subsequent five weeks, ESC members read and rated the 22 applications.
- Using the scoring sheets submitted by ESC members, BSCC Research staff compiled all scores and placed applications in a ranked listing, differentiating between urban and rural. The project descriptions for those tribes recommended for awards are included as Attachment D-5.

### May Revision

On May 14, 2020, the Governor released the May Revision, which included a request to the Legislature to allow \$18 million in unspent funding in the BSCC's budget from the 2019 Budget Act to revert to the General Fund. These funds include \$10 million for the 2019 Tribal Youth Diversion Grant, \$5 million for the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant, and \$3 million from the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Program. On May 20, 2020, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Committee, Subcommittee No. 5 rejected these proposed reversions. The conditional awards proposed in this board report are contingent on approval of the final budget action by the Governor and Legislature.

### Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant ESC, staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

1. To the extent funding is available following final approval for the 2020 Budget Act, fully fund eight applications totaling \$8,901,949 for projects providing diversion services to Indian children. This includes:

- a. One urban tribe; and
  - b. Seven rural tribes.
2. Partially fund in the amount of \$798,051 the Yurok Tribe (rural), which fell at the funding cut-off point on the rank-ordered list. (\$57,942 less than requested).
  3. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes an award, first by offering to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s).
  4. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list should staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for award is ineligible or should a grantee become ineligible during the grant cycle.

### **Attachments**

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E-1: ESC Roster

E-2: List of Applicants Recommended for Funding

E-3: Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals

E-4: List of Tribal Applicants

E-5: Project Descriptions for Applications Recommended for Funding