

**MEETING DATE:** November 14, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:** E

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Title II Grant Program Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Title II Grant Program funding awards developed by the Title II Grant Program Executive Steering Committee (Attachment E-1) and approved by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) (Attachment E-2). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, the grant period will begin on December 1, 2019 and end November 30, 2022. One school district, nine nonprofit nongovernmental organizations, and two governmental agencies are recommended for funding. A list of all 12 proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment E-3.

On April 11, 2019 the BSCC released a separate RFP for Title II Tribal Youth applicants, setting aside \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year for three years) and no proposals were received. On November 12, 2019, the SACJJDP approved a recommendation to the Board to use these unspent funds to further fund Title II applicants (except for the mandatory tribal set aside of approximately \$5,782, unless a Title II proposal is otherwise eligible to expend these funds).

### Background

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The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant, in part, by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Corrections administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award the majority of these funds to local assistance.

OJJDP requires states that receive Title II awards to establish a State Advisory Group to advise on Title II activities. In California, this State Advisory Group is the SACJJDP, a governor-appointed committee serving as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee working on behalf of the Governor to support policy and programs that improve outcomes for young people in the justice system. The SACJJDP developed California's 2018-2020 State Plan, which was then approved by the Board and accepted by OJJDP. This grant program will fulfill the goals and objectives of this State Plan and JJDP Act requirements.

The Program Purpose Areas for the Title II Grant Program are:

1. Aftercare/Reentry
2. Alternatives to Detention
3. Community-Based Programs & Services
4. Diversion
5. Mental Health Services
6. Mentoring, Counseling & Training Programs

Grantees were also required to describe how their programs would address racial and ethnic disparities, i.e., reducing the overrepresentation of youth of color in contact with the juvenile justice system.

This Title II Grant cycle will be funded from prior years' unspent funds and California's federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018, 2019 and 2020 awards. The amount available for the first year is \$3,991,561. The funding amount for FFY 2020 is not yet known. All grant awards are contingent upon California receiving its federal awards and will be reduced proportionally if funding is reduced in future years.

The Title II Grant Program RFP was initially released on April 11, 2019, and withdrawn on April 12, 2019, to address concerns regarding applicant eligibility. The Title II Grant Program RFP was rereleased on June 14, 2019, with proposals due on August 9, 2019.

The Title II Tribal Youth RFP was initially released on April 11, 2019. No proposals were received by the closing date of June 7, 2019. The RFP was rereleased on June 14, 2019. No proposals were received by the new closing date of August 9, 2019.

On November 12, 2019, the SACJJDP approved a recommendation to the Board to reallocate the unawarded \$300,000 set aside for Tribal Youth RFP to further fund eligible Title II projects.

### **Key Grant Components**

- Applicants must be a government agency (including agencies or departments within a City, County or a School District), or a federally recognized Indian Tribe with law enforcement functions, or private nonprofit nongovernmental organization.
- Successful local government applicants must pass through a minimum of 70 percent of the grant funds to direct service providers.
- The highest scoring, eligible small-government agency (as defined by the RFP) would be given priority over other proposals. (Note: this prioritization was not used)

because a small-government agency scored higher than other larger agency proposals.)

- The maximum amount of funding available per grant annually is \$350,000. A 3-year request may not exceed \$1,050,000.
- The grant cycle will be from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022.
- Applicants are not required to provide a match.
- The target population is persons under age 26.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

- Approve the funding recommendations as adopted by the SACJJDP at its November 12, 2019 meeting (see table below).
- Approve the additional recommendation by the SACJJDP to reallocate the \$300,000 allocated for the Title II Tribal Youth RFP to further fund Title II Grant Program projects.
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the proposal ranked-order lists if any applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes an award, first by offering to any partial awardee(s).
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards, as noted above, if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for an award is ineligible or if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle
- Authorize staff to further fund proposals with unspent, prior-year grant cycle funds that become available following reversion.

### Title II Grant Proposals Recommended for Funding

Rank	APPLICANT	Program Purpose Area						Amount Requested	Recommended Allocation
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Santa Cruz County Probation	X		X				\$349,926	\$349,926
2	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	X		X		X		\$348,736	\$348,736
3	City of Los Angeles – Gang Reduction and Youth Development				X			\$350,000	\$350,000
4	Yuba County Office of Education*	X					X	\$297,288	\$297,288
5	North County Lifeline			X	X			\$350,000	\$350,000
6	Youth Mentoring Connection						X	\$350,000	\$350,000
7	Young Women's Freedom Center						X	\$350,000	\$350,000
8	Homeboy Industries						X	\$348,726	\$348,726
9	Center for Training and Careers						X	\$341,967	\$341,967
10	Southern California Mountains Foundation - Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire			X			X	\$350,000	\$350,000
17	Fathers & Families of San Joaquin**		X		X			\$347,492	\$347,492
11	Fresh Lifelines for Youth						X	\$350,000	\$307,426***
<b>Total:</b>									<b>\$4,091,561****</b>

\*Small county population proposal recommended for funding.

\*\*Proposal was prioritized for funding in accordance with the RFP such that Title II proposals recommended for funding address each of the six program purpose areas.

\*\*\*An additional \$100,000 from the unfunded Title II Tribal Youth RFP has been allocated to this proposal.

\*\*\*\*The total available federal funding for the first year of the Title II Grant is \$3,991,561. This total has been augmented by the proposed \$100,000 from the unallocated Title II Tribal Youth RFP.

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**Attachments**

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E-1: ESC Roster

E-2: SACJJDP Membership Roster

E-3: List of Proposals Recommended for Funding

E-4: Title II Grant Request for Proposals

E-5: List of Applicants

E-6: Project Descriptions for Proposals Recommended for Funding