

MEETING DATE: June 10, 2021**AGENDA ITEM:** F**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Tanya Hill, Field Representative, tanya.hill@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Program, Warm Handoff Cohort II Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Adult Reentry Grant Program Cohort II awards as recommended by the Scoring Committee (Attachment F-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, 38 community-based organizations are eligible to receive \$17.5 million to provide warm handoff reentry services from July 1, 2021 - February 28, 2025. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment F-2.

Background

The Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) Program was established in the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and charged the BSCC with administering competitive grants to community-based organizations that support people formerly incarcerated in state prison (Attachment F-3). Per the Budget Act, funding was available for rental assistance, rehabilitation of property or buildings to house people released from prison, and to support the warm handoff and reentry of people transitioning from prison to communities. The BSCC has administered the ARG Program since its establishment.

The Budget Act of 2020 (Assembly Bill 89, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020) appropriated \$37 million to be equally divided between rental assistance and warm handoff as follows:

- \$17,575,000 for Rental Assistance;
- \$17,575,000 for Warm Handoff; and
- \$1,850,000 to the BSCC for costs to administer the grant

On August 13, 2020, the Board approved an expedited release of funds to help with early state prison releases due to COVID-19. Eight (8) community-based organizations received rental assistance awards totaling \$17.5 million to help address the urgent housing needs of people returning to communities from state prison. The Board also agreed to administer the Warm Handoff component using a competitive process that would begin in September 2020.

On September 10, 2020, the Board authorized staff to amend the Cohort I Warm Handoff Request for Proposals (RFP) with technical edits and public comments. This decision was made as the initial RFP was released in January 2019 and awards were made in July 2019. At that time, the BSCC had not yet received meaningful data that would indicate whether substantive changes to the initial RFP were required or would be beneficial. Board Chair Linda Penner was also appointed to serve as Chair of the ARG Scoring Committee at the same meeting.

On November 19, 2020, the Board authorized the release of the Cohort II Warm Handoff RFP with a February 5, 2021 due date. The BSCC made \$17,575,000 available in the RFP and received 106 applications requesting \$48,173,028. Ninety-one proposals met all submission criteria and were considered for funding.

The ARG Scoring Committee convened for a two-day training in March 2021. Committee members were trained on the proposal reading and rating process. Once all scores were submitted by committee members, BSCC generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding (Attachment F-4). Project Summaries are also available for the 38 CBOs recommended to receive funding (Attachment F-5).

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Adult Reentry Grant Program Scoring Committee, staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

1. Fully fund 37 proposals totaling \$17,544,000 (Attachment F-2);
2. Partially fund Breakout Prison Outreach for \$30,231 which fell at the funding cut-off point in the ranked order list¹;
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); and
4. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle.

¹ Note: the two applicants that finished at the cutoff point between a full award and a partial award received identical scores. Staff recommends that this tie should be resolved by evaluating the individual factor scores of the two proposals, starting with the highest weighted rating factor. In this case, both applicants also received identical scores for Rating Factor 2 (40% weight). Both applicants also received identical scores for the next highest rating factor, Rating Factor 1 (30%). Center for Employment Opportunities scored higher on the next highest rating factor, Rating Factor 3 (20%). Consequently, Rating Factor 3 (20%) was used to determine the rank order and Center for Employment Opportunities is recommended for full funding.

**Grant Proposals Recommended for Funding
Warm Hand-Off Reentry Services in Ranked Order**

#	Name of Applicant	County(s) Served	Funding Requested	Recommended Allocation
1	City Serve Network	Kern	\$499,210	\$499,210
2	CAL-PEP	Alameda	\$500,000	\$500,000
3	Insight Garden Program	Alameda	\$123,124	\$123,124
4	Christ Centered Ministries	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
5	Homeboy Industries	Los Angeles	\$499,939	\$499,939
6	ARSOLAS House	Alameda	\$500,000	\$500,000
7	Goodwill of San Francisco	San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin	\$498,840	\$498,840
8	D & J's Counseling and Support	Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo	\$460,010	\$460,010
9	University of California, San Diego	San Diego	\$468,070	\$468,070
10	Epidaurus DBA Amity Foundation	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
11	Union of Pan Asian Communities	San Diego	\$500,000	\$500,000
12	Center of Living and Learning	Los Angeles	\$498,290	\$498,290
12	Rubicon Programs	Contra Costa	\$499,846	\$499,846
14	Manifest Works	Los Angeles	\$200,000	\$200,000
15	Sacramento Covered	Sacramento	\$500,000	\$500,000
16	Restorative Partners, INC	San Luis Obispo	\$497,294	\$497,294
17	Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Education Program Inc	Los Angeles	\$468,070	\$468,070
18	Goodwill Central Coast	Santa Cruz	\$500,000	\$500,000
19	Operation New Hope	San Bernardino	\$500,000	\$500,000
20	Beit T'Shuvah	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
21	A New Way of Life	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
22	Paving Great Futures	San Diego	\$499,697	\$499,697
23	The TransLatin@ Coalition	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
24	Options Recovery Services	Alameda	\$500,000	\$500,000
25	METRO Community Ministries, INC	San Diego	\$500,000	\$500,000
26	Mass Liberation	Los Angeles	\$499,999	\$499,999

27	Roots Community Health Center	Alameda	\$500,000	\$500,000
28	Young People In Recovery	Sacramento & Orange	\$372,075	\$372,075
29	Friends Outside	San Joaquin	\$495,176	\$495,176
30	COSA San Diego	San Diego	\$497,921	\$497,921
31	Avector Community Group, INC	San Bernardino	\$500,000	\$500,000
31	The Place 4 Grace	Alameda & Los Angeles	\$495,084	\$495,084
31	Willing 2 Move Forward	Los Angeles	\$499,564	\$499,564
34	Center for Council	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
35	Hope Solutions	Contra Costa	\$500,000	\$500,000
36	Catholic Charities of Santa Clara	Santa Clara	\$500,000	\$500,000
37	Center for Employment Opportunities	Los Angeles	\$472,560	\$472,560
37	Breakout Prison Outreach	Santa Clara	\$500,000	*\$30,231
				Total \$17,575,000

*Partial Funding Recommended

Attachments

- F-1: Adult Reentry Grant Scoring Committee Roster
- F-2: List of Proposals Recommended for Funding in Ranked-Order
- F-3: Budget Act of 2018 - Senate Bill 840
- F-4: List of All Adult Reentry Grant Program Warm Handoff Proposals
- F-5: Project Descriptions for Proposals Recommended for Funding