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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant awards covering Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 and FY 2020-21. If the proposed list of grantees is approved, the grant period would begin October 1, 2020 and end December 31, 2023. Proposals recommended for funding include 12 that were submitted by cities disproportionately impacted by violence, 14 submitted by community-based organizations (CBOs), and 6 submitted by cities with populations of 40,000 or fewer, designated by statute as “small cities.” A list of proposals recommended for funding by the CalVIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC) ([Attachment F-1](#)) is provided in Attachment F-2. Corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment F-3.

### Background

The Budget Act of 2019 (Assembly Bill 74, Chapter 23, Statute of 2019) ([Attachment F-4](#)) appropriated \$30 million in funding for the CalVIP grant program. Of the \$30 million, \$9 million is ongoing, \$18 million is one-time funding and an additional \$3 million is one-time funding with a specific focus on rural communities.

Pursuant to AB 74, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is required to award competitive grants to California cities and community-based organizations (CBOs) to support violence intervention and prevention initiatives. All successful city applicants must pass through a minimum of 50 percent of grant funds received to one or more CBOs. All successful applicants must provide a 100 percent cash or in-kind match to support and enhance activities funded by the grant. The City of Los Angeles may apply for up to \$1 million on a non-competitive basis.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), also known as the *Break the Cycle of Violence Act*, ([Attachment F-5](#)) was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2019. AB 1603 limits the eligibility for CalVIP grants to cities in California that are disproportionately impacted by violence and the CBOs that serve them.

As defined by AB 1603, a city is disproportionately impacted by violence if any of the following are true:

1. The city experienced 20 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
2. The city experienced 10 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three years prior to the grant application and had a homicide rate that was at least 50 percent higher than the statewide homicide rate during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
3. The applicant otherwise demonstrated a unique and compelling need for additional resources to address the impact of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults in the applicant's community.

AB 1603 also expanded the type of organizations that are eligible to count toward a city's required 50 percent pass-through, to include one or more of any of the following types of entities:

1. Community-based organizations.
2. Public agencies or departments, other than law enforcement agencies or departments, that are primarily dedicated to community safety or violence prevention.

The Budget Act of 2020 (Senate Bill 74, Chapter 6, Statute of 2020) ([Attachment F-6](#)), included additional funding in the amount of \$9,000,000 for the CalVIP grant program. All other program requirements remained the same.

### **Request for Proposals Process**

On July 11, 2019, the Board appointed Board Member Andrew Mills, Chief of Police of the Santa Cruz Police Department, as the ESC Chair. On February 13, 2020, the Board approved the release of the CalVIP RFP with a proposal due date of April 10, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board approved an extension to the original due date and the RFP ([Attachment F-7](#)) was re-released with a new proposal due date of June 5, 2020.

The BSCC received a total of 74 proposals requesting \$78 million. Of the 74 proposals, 53 came from CBOs, 13 from cities, and eight from small cities. On June 25, 2020, the BSCC research staff delivered training to the ESC on how to read and rate the proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted by the raters, BSCC research staff made final the ranked list and funding allocations per county-size category. This list is provided as Attachment F-2.

### **CalVIP Funding**

The CalVIP RFP was developed and released before funding in the 2020 State Budget was known. With the passage of the 2020 State Budget the amount of FY 2020-21 CalVIP funding was made final. Staff requests that the Board approve awards using both FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 to fund the maximum number of applicants. The total appropriation for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 is \$39 million. Of that amount, 5 percent will be allocated to BSCC for administration of the grant.

A breakdown of the \$37,050,000 in recommended grant awards is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. CalVIP Funding**

<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Category 1: Competitive Grants to Cities	\$12,250,000	\$3,775,000	\$16,025,000
Category 2: Competitive Grants to CBOs	\$12,250,000	\$3,775,000	\$16,025,000
Category 3: Set-Aside for Competitive Grants to Small Cities	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
City of Los Angeles	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,500,000</b>	<b>\$8,550,000</b>	<b>\$37,050,000*</b>

\*The State Budget Act provides that \$1 million be made available annually to the City of Los Angeles on a non-competitive basis. Staff is recommending that the Board approve a conditional award to the City of Los Angeles in the amount of \$3 million, to include three years of budget appropriations (FY 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22). Of that amount, \$2 million is currently available. The remaining \$1 million will likely become available upon passage of the FY 2021-22 State Budget Act.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

On behalf of the CalVIP ESC and using both FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 CalVIP appropriations, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund 12 city proposals, 5 small city proposals, and 13 CBO proposals for programs and initiatives to prevent and reduce violence.
- Partially fund Southern California Crossroads and the City of Marysville, which fell at the funding cut-off on the CBO and City rank ordered lists.
- Fund the City of Los Angeles for a \$3 million non-competitive grant.
- In the event a grantee is unable to accept the conditional grant award, authorize staff to accept relinquished awards. Relinquished awards will be used first to fully fund the grant receiving a partial award and second to offer conditional awards to grantees next in line on the CBO rank ordered list.

### **Attachments**

[F-1: CalVIP Executive Steering Committee Roster](#)

F-2: List of CalVIP Proposals Recommended for Funding

F-3: CalVIP Proposal Summaries

[F-4: Budget Language FY 2019-20](#)

[F-5: AB 1603 Language](#)

[F-6: Budget Language FY 2020-21](#)

[F-7: CalVIP Request for Proposals](#)