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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the funding recommendations developed by the Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program Scoring Panel (Attachment F-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, 25 probation departments are eligible to receive \$17,644,154 for mobile probation centers. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment F-2 and corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment F-3.

Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 178) established the Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program and appropriated \$20 million in funding (Attachment F-4). Per the Budget Act, \$20 million shall be available to fund a competitive grant program for county probation departments to establish mobile probation service centers. These grants shall allow county probation departments to purchase vehicles, equipment, telecommunications, and other technology needed to operate mobile probation service centers to assist probationers, particularly those individuals who are unhoused and struggling with meeting probation requirements.

On July 25, 2022, the Board approved a staff recommendation to appoint a Chair and establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP), authorized staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and authorized the ESC Chair to oversee the grant-development process (Attachment F-5).

The ESC recruitment process began after the July 2022 Board meeting. A small number of individuals volunteered to serve on the ESC, but not enough interest was generated to convene an ESC that could develop an RFP and read and rate all proposals that would likely be submitted. To ensure the timely release of funds to the field, staff consulted with probation subject-matter experts and drafted an RFP for release in November 2022 (Attachment F-6).

The Mobile Probation Service Centers RFP made \$20,000,000 available competitively to county probation departments. The BSCC received 29 proposals. After a technical review, 28 of the 29 proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the Scoring Panel for funding consideration. A Scoring Panel convened March 6, 13, and 15, 2023 for training on the proposal reading and rating process established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding. If the Board approves the funding recommendations, \$17,644,154 would be

allocated to 25 probation departments and they will be under agreement from May 1, 2023, through September 30, 2027. Approximately \$2,355,846 would remain after all eligible proposals are funded.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Mobile Probation Service Centers Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund 25 probation departments for \$17,644,154 to purchase vehicles, equipment, telecommunications, and other technology needed to operate mobile probation service centers to assist probationers, particularly those individuals who are unhoused and struggling with meeting probation requirements.
- Dissolve the Mobile Probation Service Centers Scoring Panel upon approval of the funding recommendations.

Attachments

- F-1: Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program Scoring Panel Membership
- F-2: Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Programs Recommended for Funding
- F-3: Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Programs Proposal Summaries
- F-4: Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 178)
- F-5: BSCC Board Agenda Item H, July 25, 2022
- F-6: Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Programs Request for Proposals