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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant, Request for Proposals:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a new Request for Proposals (Attachment F-1) for the next three-year Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Program.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administering agency for the RSAT Program, which is funded through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The RSAT Program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance-use disorder treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities, and supports efforts to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for participants. Historically, the California RSAT Program has funded efforts by local detention facilities to provide jail-based treatment services with a required aftercare component.

Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year cycle. Applicants will be allowed to request up to a maximum of \$500,000 for the three-year period. A total of \$2,500,000 in federal RSAT funding is available for the first year, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Funding for years two and three is contingent on the amount and availability of federal funding and on compliance with the RSAT program requirements. Grantees must meet a 25 percent match (cash or in-kind) requirement.

There have been no changes to the federal requirements for the RSAT program since the last RFP was issued. Therefore, staff is recommending the release of the RFP previously developed by the RSAT Executive Steering Committee (ESC) in 2021. For the proposal rating process, staff request that a Scoring Panel be convened in lieu of the ESC. If necessary, internal staff may also be used to supplement the Scoring Panel.

Key Grant Components

- Only local units of government representing adult detention facilities are eligible to apply and only one detention facility per government organization within a county may submit a proposal.
- Applicants must be able to provide a jail-based substance-use disorder treatment program that includes aftercare services. RSAT funding may be used for the in-custody component, the aftercare component or both.

- Applicants must be able to provide an in-custody component for participants for at least three months and no more than 12 months and, to the extent possible, separate the treatment population from the general correctional population.
- The program must provide evidence-based treatment or services that focus on the program participants' cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve the substance-use disorder and related problems.
- The program must prepare participants for successful community reintegration that may include post-release referral to appropriate evidence-based aftercare treatment and/or service providers, including those that support the use of medication-assisted treatment.
- The program must require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants.
- Currently funded programs are eligible to apply for this funding. If successful, these grantees will be afforded up to six months to expend existing funds to avoid a funding overlap resulting from pandemic restrictions.

RFP Activities and Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the RSAT Grant.

Activity	Date
Present RFP for Board Approval	November 16, 2023
Release RFP	December 1, 2023
Grant Information Session for Prospective Applicants	December 14, 2023
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2, 2024
Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	February to March 2024
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	April 18, 2024
Grants Begin	July 1, 2024
Service Delivery Period End	June 30, 2027
Final Evaluation Report Due and Grant Ends	December 31, 2027

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the release of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) RFP.
- Allow staff to convene a Scoring Panel for the proposal rating process, to include BSCC staff as necessary.

Attachments

F-1: RSAT Request for Proposals

F-2: RSAT ESC Roster