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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program awards, as recommended by the JAG Scoring Panel (Attachment G-1). If the Board approves the proposed list of grantees, \$47,316,384 will be distributed among the 26 successful applicant counties. These grantees would consist of eight large counties, nine medium counties, and nine small counties. The grant agreement term for these contracts would be from June 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026. A list of applicants recommended for funding is provided in Attachment G-2, and corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment G-3.

### Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administrative agency for the JAG Program (Pen. Code § 6024, subd. (f)), which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

On September 8, 2022, the Board approved the posting of the Request for Proposals (RFP) on the BSCC website for a 30-day public comment period, during which no comments from the public were received. The RFP was then released on October 14, 2022, with a proposal due December 2, 2022 (Attachment G-4), making \$47,316,384 available competitively to California counties.

The RFP was based on the 2018 JAG RFP updated to incorporate the 2022 Multi-Year State Strategy that was presented to the Board on July 25, 2022. The State Strategy:

- (1) Provides equal emphasis to Program Purpose Area (PPAs):
  - ▶ PPA 1: Law enforcement programs
  - ▶ PPA 2: Prosecution and court programs
  - ▶ PPA 3: Prevention and education programs
  - ▶ PPA 5: Drug treatment and enforcement programs
  - ▶ PPA 8: Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs
- (2) Considers the needs of small, medium, and large counties.
- (3) Bases funding on local flexibility, on the needs of the juvenile and adult justice communities, and on input from a balanced array of stakeholders.

- (4) Requires applicants to:
- a. incorporate evidence-based principles and programs for all funded projects.
  - b. demonstrate a collaborative strategy based on the community engagement model that involves multiple stakeholders in the project or problem addressed.
- (5) Funded programs should:
- a. emphasize reducing recidivism, racial and ethnic disparities, and violence.
  - b. incorporate trauma-informed care and be culturally informed, competent, and responsive.
  - c. prioritize mental health needs and the avoidance of system involvement within each PPA.
  - d. prioritize community-based organizations as service providers.

The RPF allocated the available funding across small, medium, and large-sized counties based on county population. Counties competed within their size category for the following available amounts:

- Small counties: \$9,463,277
- Medium counties: \$14,194,915
- Large counties: \$23,658,192

The BSCC received 30 proposals requesting approximately \$55,274,754 in funding. After a technical review, 29 proposals met the submission criteria and were provided to the Scoring Panel for funding consideration. On January 12 and 18, 2023, BSCC staff provided the Scoring Panel with training on the proposal reading and rating process established in the RFP. Once all ESC scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding.

The Scoring Panel has recommended funding for 26 counties, consisting of eight large counties, nine medium counties, and nine small counties. All nine small county projects met the minimum scoring threshold, which left \$3,572,904 in the small county allocation. As specified in the RFP, the recommendation reallocates these funds to the medium county category and then to the large county category, as follows:

- \$738,293 to fully fund Placer County to the requested \$2,145,000;
- \$1,935,333 to fully fund Sonoma County to the requested \$1,935,333;
- \$789,004 to fully fund Sacramento County to the requested \$3,136,875; and
- \$110,274 to partially fund Alameda County to the amount of \$110,274.

Attachment G-2 lists the counties recommended for funding and the corresponding funding amounts. Attachment G-3 lists the project summaries of the recommended awardees. If the Board approves the award recommendations, BSCC staff will conduct a grantee orientation once all grant awards are executed. The grant projects will begin on June 1, 2023.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed**

On behalf of the Justice Assistance Grant Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the proposed list of counties for \$47,316,384 for grants that will run from June 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026.<sup>1</sup>
2. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes the award, first by offering it to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked applicant(s);
3. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determine during the award-making process that an applicant recommended funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle; and
4. Dissolve the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Scoring Panel upon approval of the funding recommendations.

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**Attachments**

- G-1: Justice Assistance Grant Scoring Panel Roster
- G-2: Justice Assistance Grants Proposals Recommended for Funding
- G-3: Justice Assistance Grant Proposal Summaries
- G-4: Justice Assistance Grant Request for Proposals

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<sup>1</sup> These grants will be funded from available Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 JAG funding.