

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021**AGENDA ITEM:** **G****TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Helene Zentner, Field Representative, helene.zentner@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program Cohort 3, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the third cohort of the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety (PH&S) Grant Program. Staff is also requesting the Board appoint a Chair to oversee the grant-development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership, if needed.

Background

In November of 2016, voters approved Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The Act provided for the taxation of cultivation of legal cannabis and a method to distribute collected revenues for licensing and enforcement of the Act. In addition, Proposition 64 set aside funds for several different grant programs administered by different agencies, including the BSCC. The pertinent Revenue and Taxation Code, which was amended in 2020, provides funds as follows:

To the Board of State and Community Corrections for making grants to local governments to assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programs addressing public health and safety associated with the implementation of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. The board shall not make any grants to local governments that ban both indoor and outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation, or ban retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products pursuant to Section 26200 of the Business and Professions Code or as otherwise provided by law.

(Rev. & Tax. Code, § 34019, subd. (f)(3)(C).)

The BSCC has received approximately \$120 million of tax revenue funding for the Prop 64 PH&S Grant Program-Cohort 3. (The BSCC is permitted to use up to five percent of its appropriation for administrative costs.)

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, staff will establish and convene an ESC of relevant subject-matter experts representing both the public and private sectors and a membership representing diverse professional and lived experience, geographic regions, and demographics. The BSCC will reach out to known experts and invite any interested person to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website at:

(http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccescsseekingmembership.php).

The ESC will meet to develop the Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with Proposition 64, read and rate proposals, and develop funding recommendations for the Board's approval.

The proposed activities and a corresponding tentative timeline for the development of the Proposition 64 PH&S Grant Program is shown in the following table:

Tentative Timeline	Activity
November 18, 2021	Establish ESC and Appoint Chair
Mid-November 2021- Mid-January 2022	Establish the Prop 64 (PH&S) Grant ESC Membership
February - March 2022	RFP development by ESC
Mid-April 2022	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
Mid-April 2022	Release the RFP to the field
Early May 2022	Bidders' Conference
June 2022	Proposals due to BSCC
June 2022	ESC Rater Training
August 2022	ESC rating of proposals complete
Mid-September 2022	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
October 1, 2022	Grants Begin

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Establish the Proposition 64 PH&S Cohort 3 Grant Executive Steering Committee and appoint Chair.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish an ESC membership with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership, if needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the Proposition 64 PH&S Grant Program RFP and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

G-1: Rev. & Tax. Code, § 34019.