

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: H

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proud Parenting Grant Program Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Proud Parenting Grant Program awards as recommended by its Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and Scoring Panel members (Attachment H-1). The Proud Parenting Grant Program is funded through an annual appropriation in the State Budget Act.

The Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment H-2) was approved on June 10, 2021, by this Board and subsequently released to the field on June 11, 2021.

Thirty-three proposals requesting almost \$31 million were received; only \$835,000 was available for the competitive grant process. If the proposed list of grantees is approved, the three-year grant service period would begin January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2024. Proposals recommended for funding include two (2) County Offices of Education and seven (7) Non-Governmental Organizations. The list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment G-3. Corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment G-4.

Background

The Proud Parenting Grant Program was established in 1997 under the California Youth Authority, currently known as the Division of Juvenile Justice. In 2005, the grant program was transferred to the Corrections Standards Authority. Then in 2012, the Board of State and Community Corrections assumed grant administration responsibilities.

The intent of the Proud Parenting Program is to support young parents who are or were involved in the juvenile systems and/or who are crossover youth within the child welfare system. Participants must be 25 years old or younger at time of enrollment. This grant program assists participants and their children by using curricula to increase parenting knowledge, support positive parent-child interactions, and improve co-parenting relationships. In addition, the grant helps to provide community linkages and encourages family-centered activities to strengthen generational bonding.

Funding for this grant program has historically been appropriated annually in the California State Budget Act in the amount of \$835,000. If approved, and subject to the annual appropriations, the recommended grantees would be funded through the 2021, 2022, and 2023 State Budget Acts.

On February 11, 2021, the Board approved the formation of an ESC to oversee the development of the Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP and provide funding recommendations, appointed Board Member Norma Cumpian to serve as Chair, and delegated authority to her to establish an ESC. The ESC convened on April 21, 2021 to develop the Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP and on June 10, 2021, the Board approved the June 11 release of that document (Attachment H-2). The BSCC conducted a Bidders' Conference webinar on June 30, 2021 to address questions from prospective applicants.

The BSCC received 33 proposals requesting a total of \$30,086,892. After a review for technical compliance, it was determined that four (4) of the applications did not meet the criteria to move forward in the rating process. In addition, four (4) individuals were added as Scoring Panel members to create two (2) panels of five individuals each, as part of the BSCC's Multiple Panel Rating Process.

On September 1-2, 2021, BSCC research staff trained the ESC and Scoring Panel members on how to read and score the proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted by the raters, BSCC research staff produced the final the ranked list, which is provided as Attachment H-3.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Proud Parenting Grant Program ESC and Scoring Panel, staff recommends the Board:

- Fully fund the eight (8) top ranked Proud Parenting Grant Program proposals totaling \$795,223 and one (1) partial award to the next ranked proposal in the amount of \$39,777 (Attachment H-3) to distribute the full \$835,000 available.
- Authorize staff to offer a conditional award to the applicant(s) next on the rank-ordered list if an applicant does not accept the conditional grant award.

Attachments

H-1: Proud Parenting Grant Program Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and Scoring Panel Membership

H-2: Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

H-3: List of Proud Parenting Grant Program Proposals Recommended for Funding

H-4: Proud Parenting Grant Program Proposal Summaries