

**MEETING DATE:** November 19, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM:** I

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF)  
Request for Applications: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval and release of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Proposal Instructions and Application Packet (Attachment I-1). The program provides funding to county governments to help respond to the current pandemic. Counties are required to establish a CESF Local Advisory Committee that at a minimum includes representatives from non-governmental community-based organizations, Tribes, and cities within the county that are impacted by the proposal. Counties must also pass through at least 20 percent of the CESF award to non-governmental community-based organization(s) impacted by coronavirus and providing services in the county

### Background

The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). CESF provides funding to states, local units of government, and tribes to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (Attachment I-2). Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates and detainees in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

A total of \$93,684,166 is available to California as shown below (Attachment I-2 and I-3):

- \$58,518,568 to the BSCC as the state administering agency
- \$35,165,598 to local governments through a sperate federal application process

### Public Comment

On June 12, 2020, the BSCC launched a 30-day public comment period seeking input on how the CESF allocation should be used. A dedicated CESF email address was established and 70 public comments were received from community-based organizations (CBOs), local governments (both city and county), concerned citizens, public and private organizations, law enforcement, the faith-based community, and the Legislature. Public comments can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C-LS6dRZiL-FQPMR8coU-Cyuy0dU-pDv>.

Common themes include, but are not limited to, requests to fund:

- COVID-19 testing
- Community-based organizations
- Community-based alternatives to policing
- Increased Staffing
- Food and Housing
- Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Pre-Trial Services
- Technology Enhancements (laptops, smart phones, hotspots, etc.)

The broad range of public input underscored the need for a flexible approach that supports and funds locally identified priorities. To that end, the CESF Request for Application (RFA) ask applicants to describe their local need(s) and how the award will help address the identified need(s).

### **CESF Application Process**

At the September 2020 meeting, the Board authorized staff to develop a Request for Application using a \$41,763,011 formula allocation (Attachment I-4).

### **Key Request for Application Components**

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- Eligible applicants are California Counties.
- Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus with a focus on meeting CESF re-entry related needs.
- Counties must pass-through at least 20 percent of the CESF award to non-governmental community-based organization(s) impacted by coronavirus and providing services in the county.
- Counties are required to establish a CESF Local Advisory Committee that at a minimum includes representatives from non-governmental community-based organizations, Tribes, and cities within the county that are impacted by the proposal.
- Successful applicants will be funded from March 31, 2021 to January 31, 2022.

### **RFA Activities and Tentative Timeline**

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Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the CESF Program.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Release Request for Applications	November 20, 2020
Virtual Bidder's Conference	December 16, 2020
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 1, 2021
Proposal Review	February - March, 2021
New Grants Begin	March 31, 2021
Mandatory New Grantee Orientation	April 7, 2021

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and authorize release of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Proposal Instructions and Application Packet.

### **Attachments**

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- I-1: CESF Request for Applications
- I-2: CESF Local and State Allocations
- I-3: California CESF Allocation by City and County
- I-4: CESF Formula Allocation