

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: I

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG): Modification to Los Angeles County's Award and Reallocation of Funding: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to reduce from \$2.9 million to \$2 million the amount previously awarded to the County of Los Angeles for a regional proposal under the Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG), and to disperse the funds to partially funded YRG grantees.

Background

At its meeting on June 13, 2019, the Board approved YRG grants to 30 cities and counties totaling \$29 million for programs to help divert young people from the justice system. That approval included an award of \$2,997,952 for the County of Los Angeles. Although legislation capped individual awards at \$1 million, Los Angeles County submitted a regional proposal that included two other jurisdictions. The regional application included the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Compton. Based on the inclusion of three jurisdictions, the proposal could request up to \$3 million.

The YRG Request for Proposals delineated the requirements for regional proposals. The first requirement was that there be a clearly identified lead applicant. The Los Angeles proposal met this requirement in designating the County of Los Angeles as the lead. The second requirement was that each additional member of the region demonstrate City Council/Board of Supervisors' commitment to the regional project and identify respective roles and responsibilities relative to the overall project.

The required documentation was received from the City of Los Angeles in December 2019. However, the BSCC still has not received adequate supporting documentation from the City of Compton. For more than a year now, BSCC staff has worked with the County of Los Angeles to encourage the City of Compton to address this shortcoming. On July 22, BSCC staff received a letter from the Los Angeles County Sheriff explaining its involvement with youth diversion at its Compton station, not from the city. (Attachment I-1.) Following a communication that the Board would consider rescinding a portion of the County of Los Angeles's grant, on August 21, the Board finally received a communication indicating that the City of Compton supports the project, but the letter still failed to identify the respective roles and responsibilities of the city relative to the overall project. (Attachment I-2.) After 14 months into the grant cycle, this grantee still is not under contract.

Although there is no question that Compton is a high need area, given the significant delay in executing the county's YRG agreement and continued challenges with obtaining sufficient assurances that the project will operate as a regional proposal contemplated by the YRG Request for Proposals, it is recommended that the county's award be reduced and reallocated to entities that are able to deliver diversion services.

Reallocation of Funds

As noted above, the award previously made to the County of Los Angeles is \$2,997,952. Given that there were three entities in the regional proposal, we are assuming that \$997,952 was associated with the project component planned for the City of Compton. That amount would be reduced from the county's award and reallocated to other YRG grantees.

The County of Los Angeles is not the first Cohort 1 YRG grantee to face challenges. Prior Board action allowed relinquished awards from the Cities of Pico Rivera, Compton¹ and San Francisco to be awarded to Cohort 2 applicants. Any funds returned from the County of Los Angeles will be handled similarly, but with a specific focus on attempting to "make whole" those grantees partially funded at the June 11, 2020 Board meeting under YRG Cohort 2.

Three projects – one small, one medium, and one large – were at the funding cut-off points. Under the same formula originally used to distribute funds to small, medium and large sized projects, the following would result:

Project	Requested Amount	Original Award	Proposed Increase	New Award
The AMAAD Institute (small)	\$599,029	\$343,277	\$240,044	\$583,321
Flintridge Center (medium)	\$1,081,042	\$703,193	\$377,849	\$1,081,042
Centinela Youth Services (large)	\$1,999,765	\$1,222,884	\$380,059	\$1,602,943

The proposed solution would fully fund the medium project, almost fully fund the small project, and bring the large project significantly closer to full funding. It should be noted that once the medium project was fully funded, the remaining \$1,373 for that category was split proportionately between the small and large projects.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve a \$997,952 reduction to Los Angeles County's Cohort 1 YRG award.
2. Approve augmentations totaling \$997,952 to three YRG Cohort 2 grantees that did not receive full funding. This includes:
 - a. \$240,044 to The AMAAD Institute
 - b. \$377,849 to Flintridge Center
 - c. \$380,059 to Centinela Youth Services

¹ The City of Compton received a YRG award on their own, completely independent of their role in the larger Los Angeles County regional project.

Attachments:

I-1 – Letter from City of Compton

I-2 -- Letter from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department