

TO: Chairman and Members of the Board

DATE: July 26, 2012

**SUBJECT: California Gang Reduction, Intervention
and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program**

AGENDA ITEM: G

RESOURCE PERSON: Oscar E. Villegas

**ACTION:
INFORMATION: X**

Summary: This informational agenda item serves to: (1) provide a brief update on the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP), and (2) receive feedback and comments regarding the solicitation process for the fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 funds.

Background: In 2007, the governor initiated the CalGRIP program as an anti-gang initiative to help communities support various prevention, intervention or suppression strategies to reduce gang and youth violence. The program was originally administered by the Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy and most recently by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). Effective July 1, 2012, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) assumed responsibility for administering the CalGRIP program, which includes oversight of 59 existing grants, and responsibility to administer the CalGRIP funds, beginning with FY 2012-13.

The FY 2012-13 budget bill appropriates \$9.2 million to the BSCC for the CalGRIP program with the same provisions that were included in the prior year's budget, as follows:

- \$1 million of the \$9.2 million available goes to the city of Los Angeles
- \$8.2 million is available for other cities on a competitive basis
- All grantees must provide a dollar for dollar match
- BSCC must submit a report and evaluation to the legislature by April 1, 2014
- Grants cannot exceed \$500,000
- At least two grants must be awarded to cities with a population of 200,000 or less
- Preference shall be given to regional approaches
- Grants require collaboration with local juvenile justice coordinating councils, and must establish an advisory council with specified representation to help prioritize the use of the funds
- 20% of the funds received by grantees shall be distributed to community based organizations

For this first year, in order to release the funds to cities as quickly as possible, the BSCC will use the same general framework of the Request for Proposals (RFP) used by CalEMA last year. This will allow the BSCC to release the RFP by mid-August, begin the rating and ranking process in October, and have the grant funds under contract by the end of this calendar year.

To assist with future program planning, it is our goal during this next year to begin the process of soliciting input from a wide range of stakeholders and subject matter experts. We then plan to return before this Board for future policy direction with the expectation that the funding will continue to be appropriated in future years.

Next Steps:

Staff will finalize and release the RFP in August 2012.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

No specific action is required.

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