

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals for the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs. Staff is also requesting that the Board designate 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 the ESC membership if needed.

Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154) established the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program (Attachment E-1) and the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program (Senate Bill 178) (Attachment E-2).

Per the Budget Act, funding for the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program shall be for competitive grants for city police, county sheriffs' departments, and probation departments. Grant funds shall be used to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. The BSCC anticipates that a total of \$255 million, or \$85 million per year, will be available across the next three fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations.

The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program shall be available for competitive grants for district attorneys for the purpose of addressing increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model, in which one prosecutor handles all phases of case management. The BSCC anticipates a total of \$30 million, \$10 million per year, will be available across the next three fiscal years to implement the grant program

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, Staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
BSCC Board Considers Chair Appointment and ESC Establishment	July 25, 2022
ESC Recruitment and Formation	July - August, 2022
RFP development	September - November 2022
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	November 17, 2022
Release the RFP to the Field	November 2022
Bidders' Conference	December 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2023
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	March-May 2023
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 2023
Grants Begin	July 2023

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Executive Steering Committee;
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed;
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Program RFP and to make funding recommendations; and
4. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Program RFP.

Attachments

E-1: Budget Act of 2022 ([Senate Bill 154](#))

E-2: Budget Act of 2022 ([Senate Bill 178](#))