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Proposition 47 Grant Program Two-Year Preliminary Evaluation

Summary

This information item provides a summary of the first two years of the Proposition 47 grant program administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. The attached presentation highlights progress by the 23 Cohort 1 grant recipients towards providing services to justice-involved individuals with a history of mental health and/or substance-use disorders.

Background

The Proposition 47 Grant Program provides funding for mental health services, substance-use-disorder treatment, and diversion programs for people in the justice system. The grant program can also provide housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management and civil legal services. In 2017, 58 public agencies requested more than \$250 million, far more than the \$103 million that was available. The Board ultimately approved funding for 23 public agencies for a period of June 2017 to August 2020. In September 2018, the Board approved a no-cost, 12-month extension through August 2021. This extension allowed grantees additional time to run their programs to account for startup activities.

Key highlights from the 2017 RFP include:

- Applicants were limited to public agencies;
- Public agency applicants were required to subcontract with one or more non-governmental, community-based organization for a minimum of 50 percent of the total grant award;
- Applicants could apply in either a Small or Large Scope Category regardless of jurisdiction size;
- Applicants in the Small Scope Category could apply for up to \$1 million;
- Applicants in the Large Scope Category could apply for up to \$6 million; and
- The County of Los Angeles could submit a single application for up to \$20 million for the entire 38-month grant period