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NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY (NOFA) AND RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TO: All Cities and Counties

FROM: Kathleen T. Howard
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SUBJECT: **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTED DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM**

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is announcing the availability of approximately \$15 million for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD^{®1}) Pilot Program enacted through Senate Bill (SB) 843. This program was established to improve public safety and reduce recidivism by increasing the availability and use of social service resources while reducing costs to law enforcement agencies and courts stemming from repeated incarceration. Modeled after the LEAD Project in Seattle, Washington, up to three (3) jurisdictions will be selected for a two-year pilot program designed to divert individuals with a history of criminal involvement related to low-level drug charges, individuals arrested for low-level drug offences and those arrested for prostitution to social service providers in lieu of prosecution.

SB 843 authorized the BSCC to spend up to \$550,000 of the \$15 million appropriated, for contracts with an outside evaluator to determine the program's effectiveness and to contract with experts in the implementation of the LEAD program for the purpose of providing technical assistance to participating jurisdictions. The independent evaluator selected for the LEAD Program is the California State University, Long Beach and technical assistance will be provided by the LEAD National Support Bureau in Seattle, Washington.

Counties and Cities may apply for grant funding in amounts of not more than \$5,900,000 for local LEAD projects. Grantees are required to provide a 10 percent match of the grant awarded. Successful proposals will be funded for a project period that will commence on May 1, 2017 and end on June 30, 2019.

The due date for eligible proposals is 12:00 p.m., February 1, 2017. A copy of the RFP is available on the BSCC website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/>. A Bidders' Conference will be held On December 13, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the BSCC to review the LEAD model and explain the elements of the RFP and grant requirements.

For additional information regarding the RFP, contact Colleen Stoner, Field Representative by email at Colleen.Stoner@BSCC.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 324-9385.

¹ LEAD is a registered trademark of the Seattle/King County LEAD Policy Coordinating Group.