

**Title II Grant Program: Identifying Effective Interventions and Replicable
Strategies for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities
Request for Proposals**

Frequently Asked Questions – 12.17.2020

1. What is the deadline for submitting a proposal?

Proposals are due by 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) on January 29, 2021. Additional information can be found on the Title II Grant Program webpage located at https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_titleiigrant/

2. Is there any expectation about software to be used to develop the dashboard, beyond “readily available, with limited cost, and relatively easy to learn”, and something that can be passed off to BSCC at the end of the project period?

The criteria identified in the RFP best describes the software expectations for the dashboard. The contractor will coordinate the selection of software used for dashboards with BSCC staff and prioritize software that is readily available, with limited cost, and relatively easy to learn (RFP, Page 4). As an example, the Research Unit currently uses Tableau and SmartSheet software for the BSCC’s current dashboard needs, although other options are likely acceptable. The BSCC will work with the selected vendor to further refine expectations.

3. Should applicants’ budget for in-person meetings and in-person presentations separately, or should we assume that they would occur in the same trip?

Please budget for four in-person meetings. Generally, meetings will be virtual; however, up to four in-person one-day meetings may be planned over the course of the contract period (assuming COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted). See page four of the RFP.

4. If there are any COVID-related delays to the beginning (or any portion) of the project, or any other delays out of the contractor’s control, may a no-cost extension be considered in order to complete the full scope of work?

Any change in the project performance period will be addressed as needed. All options to complete the project will be considered should emergency situations cause delays.

5. Is it expected that all 58 California counties will be included (thereby contributing their data to) in the data dashboard?

This project requires the development of a statewide and county level framework that identifies racial and ethnic disparities and effective interventions and/or

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replicable strategies for addressing racial and ethnic disparities in California. Currently, statewide juvenile justice data (race, ethnicity, age, arrests, etc.) is reported by the cities and counties directly to the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) Office of Research. Requests for this information will be coordinated with the BSCC's Research Unit and the CA DOJ. However, as noted in Question #6, individual county participation may vary.

6. Will there be a point person for the Title II work within each county?

There will not be a point person at each county for data collection and development of the data dashboard. The BSCC will assist with identifying appropriate contacts a based on the method provided by the contractor for the counties participating in the in-depth review sample (see rating factor 2.1, fourth bullet of the RFP).

7. How many counties is BSCC expecting to be included in the in-depth review?

There is no set number of counties for the in-depth review. The proposal should contain a description of how the sampling methodology will be developed. The proposal should also include an anticipated number of in-depth reviews and costs to complete the reviews while considering the amount of funds available and length of time to complete the project.

8. What types of materials or resources will be made available to the evaluator to conduct the in-depth review (e.g., staff time for interviews, any documentation of policies and practices)?

The expectation is that any materials and resources needed to complete the in-depth review are detailed in your proposal. The materials and resources would need to be provided by the counties and agencies within counties that are included in the in-depth review.

9. Does BSCC anticipate broader technical assistance via webinars, written materials, etc. for all counties, or only among those identified for additional follow up?

The technical assistance for this project is limited to the identified counties participating in the in-depth review and to the BSCC.

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10. Given COVID, will virtual meetings or interviews suffice for the sample of counties selected for the in-depth review?

The expectation is that the proposal and proposal budget consider mitigating measures to complete the project during COVID and other emergency situations.