



Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Program and Budget Plan

TO: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board Chair and Members¹

Summary

This item requests approval of the Program and Budget Plan for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention (Byrne SCIP) Program. The Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan proposes to implement a multipronged approach to decreasing gun violence in California by making subawards to the Judicial Council of California and to units of local government. The federal solicitation for Byrne SCIP funding requires the Program and Budget Plan to be approved by the Advisory Board.

Background

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159 (June 25, 2022) 126 Stat.1313), the Byrne SCIP provides federal formula funds to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. On February 13, 2023, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded \$29,231,074 in Byrne SCIP funding to the BSCC.

As required by the Byrne SCIP award, the BSCC established the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board to inform and guide the implementation of the Byrne SCIP grant. The Advisory Board has held two prior meetings:

- On February 9, 2023, the Advisory Board was established by the BSCC, and members were briefed on the Byrne SCIP grant and the BSCC's preliminary program and budget plan.
- On April 13, 2023, the Advisory Board provided guidance and direction to staff on the implementation of the program and budget plan.

The resulting Program and Budget Plan (Attachment 1) proposes to implement the Byrne SCIP grant program by way of two sets of subawards:

- Subawards totaling \$17,262,026 would be made to the Judicial Council of California to administer the court related aspects of the plan, including the expansion of collaborative courts and an operational review to identify best practices for firearms relinquishment in criminal courts.

¹ The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board is a sub-committee of the Board of State and Community Corrections as established by the BSCC Board on February 9, 2023.

- Subawards totaling \$10,694,933 would be made to units of local governments by way of a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund program activities including, but not limited to, education and outreach; law enforcement programs to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns; behavioral health deflection programs for those at risk to themselves or others; and programs that support collaborative court processes.

Upon the Advisory Board's approval of the Program and Budget Plan, BSCC will submit the plan and related attachments (Attachment - 2, Attachment - 3, and Attachment - 4) to the BJA for approval, as required by the Byrne SCIP federal solicitation.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Advisory Board take the following actions:

- Approve the Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan, including the related attachments 1 through 4.
- Authorize the Chair to sign Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Letter of Approval (Attachment 4)

Attachments

- 1: Byrne SCIP Program and Budget Plan
- 2: Byrne SCIP Budget Detail Worksheet
- 3: Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Description and Roster
- 4: Byrne SCIP Advisory Board Letter of Approval