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**AGENDA ITEM: G**

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval.**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant awards as recommended by the RSAT Scoring Rating Panel (Attachment G-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, five counties will receive federal funding to provide substance-use disorder treatment and aftercare services from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. A list of the applicants recommended for funding is provided in Attachment G-2.

### Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated State Administering Agency for the RSAT Program, which is funded through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The RSAT Program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance-use disorder treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities, and supports efforts to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for participants. Historically, California has used its RSAT grant to fund counties that operate local detention facilities in providing jail-based treatment services with an aftercare component.

A total of \$8,500,000 in federal RSAT funding is available for a the three-year grant beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Applicants could request up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 for the three-year grant period and must meet a 25 percent match requirement (cash or in-kind).

### Key Components of the Grant

- Only local units of government representing adult detention facilities are eligible to apply and only one detention facility per government organization within a county may submit a proposal.
- Grantees must be able to provide a jail-based substance-use disorder treatment program that includes aftercare services. RSAT funding may be used for the in-custody component, the aftercare component or both.

- Grantees must be able to provide an in-custody component for participants for at least three months and no more than 12 months and, to the extent possible, separate the treatment population from the general correctional population.
- Grantees must provide evidence-based treatment or services that focus on building the program participants' cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance-use disorder and related problems.
- The program must prepare participants for successful community reintegration which may include post-release referral to appropriate evidence-based aftercare treatment and/or service providers, including those that support the use of medication-assisted treatment.
- The program must require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants.
- Current RSAT grantees were eligible to apply for this funding. If successful, these grantees will be afforded up to six months to expend existing funds to avoid a funding overlap.

In response to the RSAT RFP (Attachment G-3), the BSCC received six proposals requesting a total of \$8,208,325. Five of the six proposals were from currently funded RSAT grantees. After a review for technical compliance, it was determined that all six proposals met the criteria to move forward in the scoring process.

On February 27 and 28, 2024, BSCC research staff provided training to the RSAT Scoring Panel on how to apply the rating criteria established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted by the raters, BSCC generated a ranked list of the proposals that met the minimum scoring threshold. One proposal's score fell below minimum scoring threshold of 60 percent and is not being recommended for funding. Project summaries for the five counties recommended to receive funding are attached (Attachment G-4).

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

On behalf of the RSAT Scoring Panel, staff recommends that the Board take the following action:

- Fully fund the five proposals that met the minimum scoring threshold, for a total of **\$6,997,277**

### **Attachments**

G-1: RSAT Scoring Panel Roster  
G-2: List of RSAT Proposals Recommended for Funding  
G-3: RSAT Request for Proposals  
G-4: RSAT Proposal Summaries