

MEETING DATE: April 11, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Grant Program, Cohort 4 Request for Proposals:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the amount of \$152 million for Cohort 4 of the Proposition 47 Grant. Eligible applicants are California public agencies. This agenda item also requests approval to convene a Scoring Panel to read and rate the proposals submitted in response to this RFP (Attachment E-1).

Background

Proposition 47 codified Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative that reduced sentencing penalties for some lower-level crimes. Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

Assembly Bill 1056 (Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015) added related legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, job-skills training, case management, and civil legal services. (Pen. Code, § 6046.3, subd. (b)(3).) Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles.

On September 16, 2021, the Board appointed Board Member Judge Janet Gaard as Chair of the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Concurrently, the Board approved the establishment of an ESC membership (Attachment F-2) and directed the ESC to oversee the comprehensive development and release of the Cohort 3 Proposition 47 RFP.

In November 2023, the BSCC conducted a survey ahead of the Cohort 4 Request for Proposal (RFP) release, seeking input on the administration of the Proposition 47 Grant. The

survey focused on ranking community needs related to Proposition 47 and prioritizing fund allocation across mandatory program areas and supplemental support services. Respondents were also asked for suggestions for how to improve or change grant requirements. Survey results revealed that while the previously developed RFP by the Proposition 47 ESC remains aligned with California communities' needs and priorities, there's a greater need for residential treatment options. As a result, the BSCC is recommending the reissuance of the Cohort 3 RFP with increased funding thresholds to address these needs.

Successful applicants will be funded for a 45-month grant period from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028. Key components of the grant include:

- Funds must be used for mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, diversion programs, or some combination thereof.
 - In addition to these required services and programs, applicants are encouraged to provide supplemental housing-related services and other community-based supportive services, such as job skills training, case management, and civil legal services.
- Eligible applicants are public agencies.
- Public agencies must partner with one or more non-governmental, community-based organization(s).
- Public agencies must pass through a minimum of 50 percent of the total grant award to one or more non-governmental, community-based organizations.
- Grant funds may not be used for programs or services provided in a custodial setting.
- Applicants will choose to apply in either a “Small Scope” or “Large Scope” category, depending on the size of their proposed project.
- In the Small Scope category, public agencies may apply for **up to \$2 million** (increased from the \$1 million threshold contained in the Cohort 3 RFP).
- In the Large Scope category, public agencies may apply for **up to \$8 million** (increased from the \$6 million threshold contained in the Cohort 3 RFP).

Proposed Timeline

Below are the proposed activities and tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Proposition 47 Cohort 4 Grant Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
Release Request for Proposals	April 12, 2024
Grant Information Session for Prospective Applicants	April 30, 2024
Notice of Intent to Apply (Optional)	May 10, 2024
Proposals Due to the BSCC	June 10, 2024
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	July-August 2024
Present Funding Recommendations to the Board	September 12, 2024
Grant Period Begins	October 1, 2024

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the release of the Proposition 47 Cohort 4 Request for Proposals.
- Delegate authority to BSCC staff to establish a diverse Scoring Panel with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed, including the potential inclusion of BSCC staff as raters.

Attachments

E-1: Proposition 47 Cohort 4 Request for Proposals

E-2: Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee Membership