BSCC BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM
PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLAN
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The goal of the updated BSCC Program and Budget plan for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding is to develop a multipronged approach to decreasing gun violence in California, supporting local jurisdictions in their efforts to improve firearms relinquishment procedures and supporting the enhancement of collaborative court programs that address behavioral health issues, with a focus on people who are at higher risk for gun violence.

As it did with the first Byrne SCIP award (Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023), the BSCC will continue to implement this plan by way of two sets of subawards in amounts determined by the Byrne SCIP allocation formula established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne SCIP Funding

The proposed subawards for the Byrne SCIP Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 award are as follows:

Subawards to the Judicial Council of California: The BSCC will make a subaward totaling $10,066,067 to the Judicial Council of California (JCC) to administer the court-related aspects of the plan. These subawards will support two initiatives:

- Fund programs that address behavioral health needs for people in the criminal court system who are likely to use guns or be the victims of gun violence.

- Continue an operational review to identify best practices for firearms relinquishment in criminal courts and prepare resources, reference materials and job aids for courts and their justice system partners.

The subaward to the Judicial Council will fund the continued expansion and enhancement of collaborative courts and ongoing operational review of best practices. The subaward will include $511,727 to expand and enhance collaborative courts in state courts that serve California's "Less-than-$10,000 jurisdictions."

The JCC will announce a second Request for Proposal (RFP) process to all California courts advertising the opportunity through multiple channels within the judicial branch. This RFP will combine the FFY 2024 funds with $4,493,416 of remaining FFY 2022 and 2023 funds not awarded in the prior RFP process.

The RFP will detail program objectives and legislative mandates and require applicant courts to describe how they will use the requested funding for collaborative court programs that include a focus on populations who are likely to use guns or be the victims of gun violence. The panel that reviews proposals will be comprised of JCC staff familiar with collaborative courts, mental health treatment and California law related to firearms safety.

An effort will be made to adequately fund as many eligible court programs as possible, emphasizing a diversity of program types throughout the state, including those from the "less than $10,000 jurisdictions."

Subawards to Units of Local Government: BSCC plans to make subawards totaling $6,132,845 in FFY 2024 funds, which will be combined with $5,113,869 in FFY 2022 and 2023 funds not awarded in the prior RFP process. This will result in a competitive RFP for units of local government totaling $11,246,714. Eligible applicants will be California counties and cities.

The RFP will seek to fund programs that support activities listed in the FFY 2024 Byrne SCIP solicitation, including but not limited:

- Communication, Education, Outreach, and Public Awareness;
- Referrals to Community-Based Services for People in Crisis;
- Funding for Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives.

Recognizing that different-sized jurisdictions have different capacities, resources, and needs, the RFP will offer grants in two categories within which applicants can compete. Maximum funding thresholds will be established for each category so small scope projects do not compete against large scope projects:

- Small scope projects will be allocated approximately $3,374,014 and proposals in this category will be limited to requests of up to $500,000.
- Large scope projects will be allocated approximately $7,872,700 and proposals in this category will be limited to requests of up to $1,000,000.

The RFP will be submitted to the BSCC for approval prior to being released. The proposals received will be rated by a Scoring Panel convened for this RFP. Once proposals are rated, the resulting funding recommendations will be approved by the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board.

Administrative Costs: The Program and Budget plan will allocate $412,518 to the BSCC for administrative costs.

Federal Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Byrne SCIP Funding

For the anticipated FFY 2025 and 2026 Byrne SCIP awards, BSCC will continue to implement the Program and Budget Plan as described above with subawards to the Judicial Council and units of local government in amounts determined by the allocations established by the BJA for those fiscal years. The project activities for the subawards will remain the same unless adjustments are required by future federal solicitations.