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**AGENDA ITEM: C**

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval.**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the proposed Request for Proposals (Attachment C-1) for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant as recommended by its Executive Steering Committee (Attachment C-2).

### Background

Assembly Bill 97 (Statutes of 2017, Chapter 14), the State Budget Act (Attachment C-3), includes funding in the amount of \$9,215,000 for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant, to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). This grant replaces the former California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant.

The State Budget Act makes a non-competitive grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 available to the City of Los Angeles and specifies that the remaining \$8,215,000 be made available for a competitive grant program. Eligible applicants include California cities and community-based organizations. The statute further specifies that a grant shall not exceed \$500,000 and each city that receives a grant must distribute at least 50 percent of the grant funds it receives to one or more community-based organizations. A dollar-for-dollar match is required from all applicants and at least two grants shall be awarded to cities with populations of 200,000 or less.

On September 22, 2016, the Board appointed Board Member Brown as Chair of the CalGRIP ESC and delegated authority to Chief Brown to finalize the list of ESC members and to add members as needed. The Board further authorized the ESC to oversee the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The CalGRIP ESC met on November 3-4, 2016 but work was suspended when the CalGRIP grant did not appear in the January 2017 Governor's Proposed Budget. In lieu of the CalGRIP grant, the Legislature appropriated funding for the CalVIP Grant, which contains many of the same provisions, with a few notable differences:

- In addition to California cities, community-based organizations are now eligible to apply for the CalVIP Grant;

- Cities are now required to pass through 50 percent of grant funds to CBOs (increased from 20 percent);
- The BSCC must give preference to applicants in cities or regions that are disproportionately affected by violence; and
- The BSCC must give preference to applicants that propose to direct CalVIP funds to programs that have been shown to be the most effective at reducing violence.

### **Key Grant Components**

The CalGRIP ESC was reconvened as the CalVIP ESC and met on September 28, 2017 to develop the RFP that is now provided for the Board's consideration. The RFP incorporates the statutory changes listed above.

In defining "disproportionately affected by violence," the ESC considered crime data reported to the California Department of Justice by city law enforcement agencies for 2015 and 2016. Crime rate (i.e. reported crimes per 100,000 citizens) was used as the measure, calculated and ranked for three crimes classified as "violent" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These include: (1) homicide, (2) robbery and (3) aggravated assault.

Preference points will be assigned to cities (and to CBO applicants in those cities) ranked in the top 5 percent statewide for homicide rate, robbery rate and aggravated assault rate. Preference points will be assigned as follows:

- 8 points (worth 5 percent of total score) for those that appear in the top 5 percent for *all three* violent crimes;
- 5 points (worth 3 percent of total score) for those that appear in the top 5 percent for *two of the three* violent crimes;
- 2 points (worth 1 percent of total score) for those that appear in the top 5 percent for *one of the three* violent crimes.

Other key grant components include:

- The \$8,215,000 grant funds available for the competitive process will be divided in half, into two categories:
  - \$4,107,500 will be earmarked for city applicants; and
  - \$4,107,500 will be earmarked for CBO applicants.
- Both city applicants and CBO applicants may apply for up to \$500,000, the maximum amount allowable per statute.
- City applicants are required to distribute a minimum of 50 percent of grant funds to one or more CBOs, as per statute.
- Applicants will be scored in part on how well they demonstrate that the program they propose to implement is one that has "been shown to be effective at reducing violence."

- City applicants must convene “a coordinating and advisory council to prioritize the use of the funds” and cities that receive grant funds shall “collaborate and coordinate with area jurisdictions and agencies, including the existing county juvenile justice coordination council, with the goal of reducing violence in the city and adjacent areas.”

### **RFP Activities and Timeline**

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the CalVIP Grant.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
RFP Presented for Board Approval	November 9, 2017
Release Request for Proposals	November 13, 2017
Bidder’s Conferences	December 2017
Proposals Due to the BSCC (10 weeks)	January 22, 2018
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	February to March 2018
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	April 19, 2018
Grants Begin	May 1, 2018

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and release the CalVIP RFP as recommended by the ESC.

### **Attachments**

- C-1: CalVIP Request for Proposals
- C-2: Executive Steering Committee Roster
- C-3: CalVIP Budget Language