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**AGENDA ITEM:** C

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant, 12-Month, No Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a twelve-month (12), no-cost grant term extension for grantees funded under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program. Local procurement and approval processes have impacted the timely delivery of services for CESF grantees. A twelve-month (12), no-cost extension will allow grantees additional time to implement programming as originally intended, and to spend down funds in accordance with their grant agreements.

### Background

The CESF program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). CESF provides federal funding to states, local governments, and tribes to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. CESF uses include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

Approximately \$58.5 million is available to 30 counties and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to implement local CESF programs. As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, grantees have experienced procurement delays that have delayed program implementation. Providing a twelve-month (12), no-cost extension through January 2023 will allow grantees additional time to deliver services, offsetting the time lost at the start of the grant. Current grantees' agreements will expire on January 31, 2022. The terms of the CESF Award allowed the State to apply for a one-time, 12-month extension. On November 8, 2021, the Bureau of Justice Assistance approved the BSCC's request for a one-year extension for the CESF grant program.

### Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a twelve-month (12), no-cost grant-term extension for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grantees.