

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2022

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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program - Reallocation of Remaining Cohort IV Funds and Re-Release of Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to re-release the Cohort IV California Violence Intervention and Prevention Request for Proposals (RFP) with approximately \$53 million in remaining funding as part of the \$209 million one-time budget allocation for anti-violence programs. As part of this re-release, BSCC staff will host an additional bidders' conference to answer questions about the application process, allow applicants disqualified in the initial round of funding to amend their applications and resubmit, and encourage others to apply for this remaining funding as well.

Background

Formerly known as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant (CalGRIP)¹, the State Legislature established the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. CalVIP encouraged cities disproportionately affected by violence to work with community-based organizations to develop local violence-prevention approaches that best meet the diverse needs of their communities. In 2019, the CalVIP Grant Program was codified as the Break the Cycle of Violence Act (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019) and established the authority and duties of the BSCC in administering the program, including the selection criteria for grants, and reporting requirements to the Legislature.

On July 15, 2021, the Board appointed Board Member Andrew Mills as the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Chair. On November 18, 2021, the Board approved the release of the CalVIP Cohort IV RFP with a proposal due date of February 11, 2022. That initial RFP made \$209,650,000² available competitively to cities disproportionately impacted by violence. Cities must pass through half of the funding to community-based organizations that provide anti-violence programs and strategies.

The BSCC received 118 proposals requesting approximately \$212 million in funding. Eighty-three proposals met all submission criteria, after a technical review, and were provided to the ESC for reading, rating, and funding consideration. Of the 83 proposals, the ESC recommended that the Board approve funding to 79 proposals for \$156,209,171. If the Board approves the ESC funding recommendations in Agenda Item C, \$53,440,829 would still be available to re-allocate, and re-release in this version of the CalVIP RFP before the Board.

¹ CalGRIP was first funded in the FY 2007-08 budget.

² Provided funding is appropriated in the FY 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts

Modified Request for Proposals Process

To facilitate a timely reallocation and re-release of the of remaining funds, modifications have been made to the Cohort IV RFP that include revised due dates, timelines, the grant period, Bidders' conference information, and the amount of available funding. Proposals funded through the Cohort IV process would be prohibited from re-applying, however; new and unsuccessful applicants would be eligible and encouraged to apply. In addition, the City of Los Angeles would not submit another application for funding. If the Board approves the ESC funding recommendations in Agenda Item C, the City of Los Angeles would have received \$6,000,000 in non-competitive funding per the Budget Act³. Finally, the re-released RFP would convene a Scoring Committee for the sole purpose of reading and rating proposals. A modified RFP is provided as Attachment D-1 with the described modifications reflected in red text.

RFP activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP.

Activity	Date
Release Request for Proposals	June 10, 2022
Bidders' Conference	June 24, 2022
Letter of Intent Due to the BSCC	July 1, 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	July 15, 2022
Proposals Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	July-August 2022
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	September 8, 2022
Grant Period Begins	October 1, 2022

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Re-release the Cohort IV California Violence Intervention and Prevention Request for Proposals with approximately \$53 million in leftover funding;
- Appoint Board Member Andrew Mills as Chair of the CalVIP Scoring Committee;
- Delegate authority to the Chair and BSCC staff to establish a Scoring Committee with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed; and

³ Provided funding is appropriated in the FY 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts, the City of Los Angeles is eligible to receive \$2,000,000 each FY for a total award of \$6,000,000.

- Approve the use of a Scoring Committee for the limited purpose of reading and rating proposals. As needed, this Committee would be fully briefed and trained on the RFP and how to rate the proposals.

Attachments

D-1: California Violence Intervention and Prevention Request for Proposals in Track Changes