

MEETING DATE: February 10, 2022

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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Six-Month, No Cost Extension: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a six-month, no-cost extension for grantees funded under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Local procurement and approval processes impacted by the pandemic have delayed the timely delivery of services for JAG grantees. A six-month, 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 while having minimal impact on the new cohort funding if a current grantee receives funding in the new cohort set to start on October 1, 2022.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administrative agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). In general, JAG funds in this cohort (October 2019 - September 2022) may be used for personnel and/or the purchase of equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program purpose areas (PPAs):

- PPA 1 – Law enforcement programs
- PPA 2 – Prosecution and court programs
- PPA 3 – Prevention and education programs

Approximately \$17.9 million in FFY 2019 funding is available to 15 counties to implement local JAG programs. As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, grantees have experienced procurement delays that have delayed program implementation. Providing a six-month, no-cost extension through March 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 September 30, 2022. On January 5, 2022, the Bureau of Justice Assistance approved the BSCC's request for a no-cost extension for the JAG grant program. Any county that accepts the six-month, no-cost extension and is subsequently awarded funding under the new cohort will have a six-month delay in the start of funding for the new award.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board approve a six-month, no-cost grant-term extension for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grantees.