

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to establish the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Advisory Board to inform and guide the implementation of the federal Byrne SCIP grant program, which will provide federal funding for California to implement additional gun violence reduction programs. Staff recommends that the Board members serve on the Advisory Board with additional members with additional required subject matter expertise to be appointed by the Chair.

Background

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) released a new federal formula solicitation in October 2022 (E-1). As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159 (June 25, 2022) 126 Stat. 1313), the Byrne State Crisis Intervention (Byrne SCIP) Program provides formula funds to implement state gun crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs that work to keep firearms out of the hands of people who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans' treatment courts.

The BSCC as the State Administering Agency for California's Byrne JAG program, is the State Administering Agency for the Byrne SCIP Program. The BSCC submitted a Byrne SCIP application in December 2022 for \$29,231,074 in formula funding; the results of the application are not yet known (E-2). The BSCC, with input from the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board, would make sub-awards focusing on gun safety measures to the Judicial Council to expand collaborative courts and to units of local government. As tentatively proposed in the state's application, and subject to subsequent approval by the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board, the goal of the grant program is to develop a multipronged approach to decreasing gun violence in California, to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to improve firearms relinquishment procedures and to support the enhancement of collaborative court programs that address behavioral health issues with a focus on people who are at higher risk for gun violence.

Byrne SCIP applicants are required to form a Crisis Intervention Advisory Board to inform and guide the state's gun violence reduction programs/initiatives. The Byrne SCIP Advisory Board must include, but is not limited to, representatives from law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victim services, and legal

counsel. The membership of the BSCC membership already satisfies many of the membership requirements of the Advisory Board. As such, staff recommends the Advisory Board consist of the BSCC with additional representatives from prosecution, behavioral health, victim services, and legal counsel. The BSCC anticipates the Byrne SCIP Advisory Board would convene on the same day as Board meetings and meetings would be open to the public.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends the following:

1. The Board establish the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board;
2. Appoint Linda Penner as Chair, and delegate authority to the Chair to appoint additional members as needed, consistent with the requirements of the Byrne SCIP federal grant program.

Attachments

E-1: Byrne SCIP Formula Solicitation

E-2: BSCC Byrne SCIP Program Narrative