

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program, Request for Proposal: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Request for Proposals (Attachment E-1) as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (Attachment E-2).

Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program (Attachment E-3). Per the Budget Act, funds shall be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections as competitive grants to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Grants should focus on activities including, but not limited to, developing culturally based prevention strategies, strengthening responses to human trafficking, and improving cooperation and communication on jurisdictional issues between state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people. The BSCC anticipates that \$11,400,000 will be available competitively across three fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations.

On July 25, 2022, the Board approved a staff recommendation to appoint a Chair and establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals, authorized staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and authorized the ESC Chair to oversee the grant-development process (Attachment E-4).

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People ESC, chaired by Board Member Norma Cumpian, convened on March 1, 2, and 22, 2023, to make recommendations on the key grant components described below.

Key Grant Components

Proposals must address a minimum of one (1) of the following Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

- PPA 1: Culturally Based Prevention Strategies
- PPA 2: Strengthening Responses to Human Trafficking
- PPA 3: Improving Cooperation and Communication on Jurisdictional Issues

In addition:

- Applicants may apply for funding in a Small Scope (up to \$440,000) or Large Scope Category (up to \$1,000,000);
- Allowable activities included but are not limited to Alert Notifications Systems (Amber Alerts, Feather Alerts), Burial Costs, Case Management Systems, and Search and Rescue efforts; and
- Proposals selected for funding will be under agreement from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2028

Proposed Activities

Below are the proposed activities and a revised tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
BSCC Board Appoints Chair and Establishes the ESC	July 25, 2022
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	April 13, 2023
Release the RFP	April 14, 2023
Bidders' Conference	May 12, 2023
Proposals Due to the BSCC	June 23, 2023
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	July-August 2023
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	September 14, 2023
Grant Period Begins	October 1, 2023

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Executive Steering Committee, staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Request for Proposal for release.

Attachments

E-1: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Request for Proposal

E-2: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program ESC Roster

E-3: Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154)

E-4: BSCC Board Agenda Item G, July 25, 2022