

**MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2021 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Proposition 47 Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

### Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals for the third cohort of the Proposition 47 Grant Program. Staff is also requesting that the Board designate a Chair to oversee the grant development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership if needed.

### Background

Proposition 47 codified Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative (Attachment E-1). Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

Assembly Bill 1056 (Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015) added legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, job-skills training, case management and civil legal services. Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles (Attachment E-2).

Funding for the Proposition 47 Grant Program is calculated and distributed by the Department of Finance. The BSCC, State Department of Education, and California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board each receive funding for Proposition 47 activities. Of the total available funding, 65 percent is awarded to the BSCC to administer a

grant program. The BSCC anticipates that in FY 2021 approximately \$75,286,000 will be available for competitive awards, of which \$71,521,700 would be available for grants and \$3,764,300 (5 percent) for administrative costs.

Additionally, BSCC will receive an annual deposit of \$75,704,000 that will be included in the final award amount, bringing the FY 2022-23 estimate to approximately \$150,986,000.

Any unspent funds from the first Proposition 47 Cohort (June 16, 2017 – August 15, 2021) will be added to the final total awarded for the third Prop 47 Cohort grant period.

### **Proposed Activities**

In consultation with the appointed Chair, staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. In addition, the ESC composition will reflect the relevant stakeholder experience as required by Assembly Bill 1056.<sup>1</sup> The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the Proposition 47 Grant Program:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Tentative Timeline</b>
BSCC Board Considers Chair Appointment and ESC Establishment	September 16, 2021
ESC Recruitment and Formation	September - October 2021
RFP development	November 2021 - January 2022
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	February, 2022
Release the RFP to the Field	February, 2022
Bidders' Conference	March, 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	May 2022
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	May - July 2022
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	July 2022
Grants Begin	August 2022

<sup>1</sup> Assembly Bill 1056 requires the Board establish an executive steering committee that includes, but is not limited to, a balanced and diverse membership from relevant state and local government entities, community-based treatment and service providers, and the formerly incarcerated community. The committee shall have expertise in homelessness and housing, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment, and effective rehabilitative treatment for adults and juveniles. (Gov. Code, § 6046.3, subdivision (b),)

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**Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Proposition 47 Grant Program Executive Steering Committee;
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership as needed;
3. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the RFP; and
4. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals and to make funding recommendations.

**Attachments**

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E-1: Proposition 47

E-2: Assembly Bill 1056