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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Extension of the Existing Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Agreements covering July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, and Approval of a new Request for Proposals for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to modify the current Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Agreements with a no-cost, six-month grant-term extension and to release a new Request for Proposals (Attachment E-1) for the next cohort as recommended by its Executive Steering Committee (Attachment E-2).

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administrative agency for the RSAT Program, which is funded through the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The RSAT Program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance-use disorder treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities, and supports efforts to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for participants. Historically, the California RSAT Program has funded efforts by local detention facilities to provide jail-based treatment services with an aftercare component requirement placed on the grantees.

Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year cycle. A total of \$2,000,000 in federal RSAT funding is available for the first year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Applicants will be allowed to request up to a maximum of \$500,000. A non-competitive Request for Application (RFA) for continuation of funding will be issued for the second year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) and the third year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024), contingent on the amount and availability of federal funding and on compliance with the RSAT program requirements. A 25 percent match of the funds awarded to the recipient (cash or in-kind) is required.

On September 10, 2020, the Board appointed Board Member Dean Growdon as Chair of the RSAT ESC and delegated authority to Sheriff Growdon to make final the list of ESC members and to add members as needed. The Board further authorized the ESC to oversee the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP). The ESC met on December 9 and 10, 2020 to develop the RFP that is now before the Board for approval.

Key Grant Components

- Only local units of government representing adult jail detention facilities are eligible to

apply and only one jail detention facility per government organization within a county may submit a proposal.

- Applicants must be able to provide a jail-based substance-use disorder treatment program that includes aftercare services. RSAT funding may be used for the in-custody component, the aftercare component or both.
- Applicants must be able to provide an in-custody component for participants for at least three months and no more than 12 months and, to the extent possible, separate the treatment population from the general correctional population.
- The program must provide evidence-based treatment or services that focus on the program participants' cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve the substance-use disorder and related problems.
- The program must prepare participants for successful community reintegration that may include post-release referral to appropriate evidence-based aftercare treatment and/or service providers, including those that support the use of medication-assisted treatment.
- The program must require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants.
- Currently funded programs are eligible to apply for this funding. If successful, these grantees will be afforded up to six months to expend existing funds to avoid a funding overlap resulting from pandemic restrictions.

Request for no-cost, six-month extension for current grantees

As a result of the coronavirus, existing grantees have been unable to implement programs and deliver services as originally intended (Attachment E-3). Offering a no-cost, six-month grant-term extension – from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 – increases the likelihood that substance-abuse treatment can be delivered as originally intended.

RFP Activities and Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the RSAT Grant.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	February 11, 2021
Release Request for Proposals	February 12, 2021
Bidders' Conference	March 3, 2021
Proposals Due to the BSCC	April 7, 2021
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	April to May 2021
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	June 10, 2021
Grants Begin	July 1, 2021

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and release the RSAT RFP as recommended by the ESC.
- Approve a no-cost, six-month grant-term extension for current grantees.

Attachments

- E-1: RSAT Request for Proposals
E-2: Executive Steering Committee Roster
E-3: RSAT 2018 Project Summaries