

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Extension of the Title II Grant Agreements covering December 1, 2019, to November 30, 2022, and Approval of a new Request for Proposals for January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026: Requesting Approval: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to:

1. Modify the current Title II Grant Agreements with a no-cost, grant-term extension necessitated by the pandemic; and
2. Release a new Request for Proposals (Attachment E-1) for the next cohort as recommended by State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) and the Title II Executive Steering Committee.

Background

The Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018 is the federal statute that establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant, in part, by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Corrections is the state agency that receives and administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award the majority of these funds to units of local government, nonprofits, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) (referred to as local private agencies in the JJRA), and Indian tribes consistent with the purpose and intent of the JJRA.

OJJDP requires that states that receive Title II awards establish a State Advisory Group to advise on Title II activities. In California, this State Advisory Group is the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Attachment E-2). The SACJJDP is a governor-appointed committee serving as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee that works on behalf of the Governor to support policy and programs that improve outcomes for young people in the justice system. The SACJJDP recently developed California's Title II 2021-2023 State Plan. This grant program will fulfill the goals and objectives of this State Plan and JJRA requirements.

This Title II grant will fund the following six Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

1. Aftercare/Reentry
2. Alternatives to Detention
3. Community-Based Programs & Services
4. Diversion
5. Mentoring, Counseling & Training Programs
6. Job Training

On June 10, 2021, the Board authorized SACJJDP Chair Rachel Rios to convene an ESC and to oversee the development of the Title II Request for Proposals (RFP). The ESC (Attachment E-3) met on March 16 & 17, 2022, to develop the RFP. The RFP was then discussed¹ by the SACJJDP membership on May 26, 2022 and is before the Board for approval.

Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year cycle of up to \$350,000 annually. \$4,000,000 is anticipated to be available statewide for the first year of the grant cycle. Funding and amounts for the second year (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) and the third year (January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026) are contingent on OJJDP Title II awards and the amounts are not yet known.

Key Request for Proposal Components

- Applicants must be a government agency (including agencies or departments within a City, County, or a School District), nonprofit nongovernmental organization or a federally recognized Indian Tribe in California.
- Successful applicant government agencies or Indian Tribes are required to pass through a minimum of 70 percent of grant funding to at least one direct service provider. A direct service provider must be a non-governmental organization. An Indian Tribe can satisfy the pass-through requirement if the Indian Tribe provides the direct services.
- At least one proposal in each of the six PPAs from applicants that meet the minimum scoring threshold will be funded.
- Priority will be given to the highest-scoring, eligible small-county applicants that meet the minimum threshold score. The categorization of an organization as “small” is based on the population of the county where the government agency is located, as established by the California Department of Finance.

¹ The SACJJDP assembled without a quorum and was not able to formally approve the RFP, but the RFP before the Board represents the consensus of the SACJJDP ESC and SACJJDP members present at the May 26, 2022 meeting.

- The highest scoring proposal that meets the minimum scoring threshold submitted by a California tribal applicant or applicant Lead agency partnering with a California tribe will be funded.
- Applicants are not required to provide a match.
- The target population for the Title II Grant Program is people under the age of 26 who are at-risk and/or have been under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

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

This proposal also includes a request for a no-cost, four-month extension for current grantees. As a result of the coronavirus, many of the existing grantees have been unable to implement programs and deliver services as originally intended. The current grant cycle will end on November 30, 2022. Offering a no-cost, four-month grant-term extension – from December 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 – for current Title II Grantee not funded in the next grant cycle increases the likelihood that services can be delivered as originally intended. Additionally, offering a no-cost, one-month grant-term extension – from December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – for current Title II Grantee who are funded in the next grant cycle will ensure there is no gap in services for the grants beginning January 1, 2023. Any remaining funds at the completion of the extension will be added to the next grant cycle.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

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

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	June 9, 2022
Release Request for Proposals	June 10, 2022
Bidder's Conference	June 29, 2022
Letter of Intent due to BSCC	July 15, 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	August 22, 2022
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	September, 2022
SACJJDP Meeting for approval of funding recommendation to the Board.	October 27, 2022
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	November 17, 2022
Grants Begins	January 1, 2022

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and release the Title II RFP as recommended by the ESC.
- Approve a no-cost, four-month grant-term extension for current grantees not funded in next funding cycle.

- Approve a no-cost, one-month grant-term extension for current grantees funded in next funding cycle.
- Approve that any remaining funds at the completion of the no-cost extensions will be added to the next grant cycle.

Attachments

E-1: Title II Grant Program Request for Proposals

E-2: State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Member Roster

E-3: Request for Proposal Executive Steering Committee Roster