

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: F

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee to develop a Request for Proposals for the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 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 the ESC membership, if needed.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administrative agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). In general, JAG funds may be used for personnel and/or the purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program purpose areas (PPAs):

- PPA 1 – Law enforcement programs
- PPA 2 – Prosecution and court programs
- PPA 3 – Prevention and education programs
- PPA 4 – Corrections and community corrections programs
- PPA 5 – Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- PPA 6 – Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- PPA 7 – Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- PPA 8 – Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams

The BSCC anticipates approximately \$46,396,239 will be available for competitive awards in the next JAG Request for Proposals (RFP). This figure includes \$13,314,179 in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 and \$16,541,030 in FFY 2021 and FFY 2022. The exact amount in FFY 2022 is not yet known. The total amount of available funding may increase if JAG recipients have unspent funds at the end of the current grant period (October 2019 – September 2022).

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, BSCC staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. 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 JAG Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
BSCC Board Considers Chair Appointment and ESC Establishment	November 18, 2021
ESC Recruitment and Formation	November - December 2021
RFP development	January - March 2022
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	April 2022
Release the RFP to the Field	April 2022
Bidders' Conference	May 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	June 2022
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	June - August 2022
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	September 2022
Grants Begin	October 2022

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 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. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the JAG Program Request for Proposals and to make funding recommendations; and
4. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the JAG Program RFP.