

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: F

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proud Parenting 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 (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proud Parenting Grant Program. Staff is also requesting 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

The Proud Parenting Grant Program, previously known as the Young Men as Fathers Program, was originally established in 1997 under the California Youth Authority. In 2005, the Corrections Standards Authority assumed grant administration responsibility for the program, and in 2012, upon its establishment, the Board of State and Community Corrections assumed responsibility. The intent of this grant program is to fund parenting services to young parents up to the age of 25 who were involved in the criminal/juvenile justice systems and/or are considered crossover youth within the child welfare system. The Proud Parenting Grant Program is aimed at breaking the intergenerational cycle of violence by increasing parenting knowledge, improving relationships between parents and their children as well as providing life-skills training and enhancing the self-esteem of the youthful program participants.

The annual state budget historically provides \$835,000 for the Proud Parenting Grant Program. There are no administrative funds provided for this program.

The current Proud Parenting Grant Program funding cycle ends on December 31, 2021. This cohort includes seven grantees that have been funded from the last three Fiscal Year appropriations. Subject to a continued annual appropriation, staff is proposing the formation of an ESC to oversee the development of a competitive RFP solicitation in fiscal year 2021-22 for a grant cycle to begin on January 1, 2022 so there will be no break in funding to the field for these services.

Activities and Timeline:

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the Proud Parenting Grant Program. In consultation with the appointed Chair, BSCC staff will work to establish an ESC representing diverse professional and lived experience membership, including various geographical regions and demographics. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the Proud Parenting Grant Program ESC through the BSCC's website: (http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccescsseekingmembership.php).

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
February 11, 2021	Present ESC agenda item to the BSCC Board
February – April 2021	Establish the Proud Parenting Grant Program ESC
April 2021	ESC convenes and RFP development begins
June 10, 2021	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
June 11, 2021	Release the RFP to the field
End of June 2021	Bidders Conference
Early August 2021	Proposals due to BSCC
Early September 2021	ESC Rater Training
Mid-October 2021	ESC rating of proposals complete
November 18, 2021	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
January 1, 2022	Contract start date for new projects

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Authorize an ESC to oversee the development of the Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP and make funding recommendations;
2. Appoint a BSCC Board Member as Chair of the ESC;
3. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish an ESC membership and to modify membership if needed; and,
4. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the RFP.