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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval.**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program awards as recommended by the RSAT Executive Steering Committee (Attachment G-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, five local adult detention facilities will receive federal funding to provide substance-use disorder treatment and aftercare services from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment G-2.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections is the designated state administering agency for the RSAT Program, which is federally funded through the 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 people in custody. Historically, the California RSAT Program has funded local detention facilities to provide jail-based treatment services with an aftercare component requirement placed on the grantees.

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

In compliance with the requirements of the 2020 BJA federal solicitation, the RSAT program design includes the following required components:

- Only local detention facilities are eligible to apply and receive funding and only one proposal per county may be submitted

- 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 develop the participant's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the participant's substance-use 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.
- The program must provide aftercare services for up to one year to those individuals who have completed the in-jail component of the RSAT program.

The BSCC received seven proposals requesting a total of \$3,115,029 in response to the RSAT RFP (Attachment G-3). After a review for technical compliance, it was determined that all the proposals met the criteria to move forward in the scoring process. On May 5 and 6, 2021, BSCC research staff trained the Executive Steering Committee on how to read and rate the proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. Once all scores were submitted by the raters, BSCC generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding. Project Summaries are also available for the five local detention facilities recommended to receive funding (Attachment G-4).

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Executive Steering Committee, staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Fully fund four proposals totaling \$1,839,901 (Attachment G-2)
2. Partially fund one for \$160,099 which fell at the funding cut-off point in the ranked order list;
3. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes an award, first by offering to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s); and

4. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determines during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for award is ineligible or should a grantee become ineligible during the grant cycle.

Attachments

- G-1: RSAT Executive Steering Committee Roster
- G-2: List of RSAT Proposals Recommended for Funding
- G-3: RSAT Request for Proposals
- G-4: RSAT Proposal Summaries