

**MEETING DATE:** June 10, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** H

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Proud Parenting Grant Program, Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests the Board approve the release of the 2022 Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals (Attachment H-1) as recommended by its Executive Steering Committee (Attachment H-2).

### Background

The Proud Parenting Grant Program was established 24 years ago under the California Youth Authority, currently known as the Division of Juvenile Justice. In 2005, the grant program was transferred to the Corrections Standards Authority. Then in 2012, the Board of State and Community Corrections assumed grant administration responsibilities.

The intent of the Proud Parenting Program is to support young parents who are or were involved in the juvenile systems and/or who are considered crossover youth within the child welfare system. Participants must be 25 years old or younger at time of enrollment. This grant program assists participants and their children by using curriculum to increase parenting knowledge, supports positive parent-child interactions, and improves co-parenting relationships. In addition, the grant helps to provide community linkages and encourages family-centered activities to strengthen generational bonding.

The annual state budget historically provides \$835,000 for the Proud Parenting Grant Program, all of which is used for grant awards. Subject to a continued annual appropriation, a new grant cycle would begin on January 1, 2022.

At the February 2021 meeting, the Board approved the formation of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop this grant program's Request for Proposals (RFP), to read and rate eligible proposals, and to provide funding recommendations to the Board. The Board also appointed Board Member Norma Cumpian to serve as Chair of the ESC.

The ESC convened on April 21, 2021 to develop the 2020 Proud Parenting Grant Program RFP, which is now provided for the Board's consideration.

## Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants for the Proud Parenting Grant Program are California County Probation Departments, California County Offices of Education, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes within California. Only one (1) application per entity may be submitted for funding consideration.
- Successful applicants will be funded for three one-year cycles up to \$100,000 per year.<sup>1</sup> A total of \$835,000 in state funding will be available for the first year, January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.
- Continuation funding for the second year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) and the third year (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) will be issued to awardees contingent on the amount and availability of state funding and provided that applicants remain in compliance with the Proud Parenting Grant Program requirements.
- The target population to be served by the Proud Parenting Grant are youth who are 25 years old or younger (at time of project participation enrollment), who are currently parents or expectant parents, and who are or have been involved in the juvenile systems and/or are considered crossover youth within the child welfare system.
- Projects will incorporate cultural relevancy and sensitivity, trauma-informed approaches, and be based in proven-practices for parenting, healthcare, and relationships/communication.

## RFP Activities and Timeline

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

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	June 10, 2021
Release Request for Proposals	June 11, 2021
Bidder's Conference	June 30, 2021
Proposals Due to the BSCC (8 weeks)	August 6, 2021
Rater Training of the ESC	September 1-2, 2021
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations by ESC	September – October 2021
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	November 18, 2021
Grants Begin	January 1, 2022

<sup>1</sup> Provided grant funding is appropriated in the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts.

## Recommendation/Action Needed

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Staff recommends the Board:

- Approve the release of the 2022 Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee.

## Attachments

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H-1: The 2022 Proud Parenting Grant Program Request for Proposals\*

H-2: Executive Steering Committee Member Roster

*\*The RFP will be posted no later than Tuesday, June 8, 2021*