

MEETING DATE: July 12, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry 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 Adult Reentry Grant Program. Staff is also requesting that the Board establish an ESC and 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, including but not limited to that required in statute; and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership if needed.

Background

The Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statute of 2018) established the Adult Reentry Grant Program and appropriated \$50,000,000 in funding.

Pursuant to SB 840, the Board of State and Community Corrections is required to award competitive grants to community-based organizations to support offenders formerly incarcerated in state prison. The BSCC is required to form an ESC with members from relevant state agencies and departments with expertise in public health, housing, workforce development, and effective rehabilitative treatment for adult offenders to develop grant-program criteria and make recommendations to the board regarding grant award decisions. Representatives are to include but are not limited to the:

- Department of Housing and Community Development;
- Office of Health Equity;
- County Probation;
- Representatives of reentry-focused community-based organizations;
- Criminal justice impacted individuals; and
- Representatives of housing-focused community-based organizations.

As is always included in the ESC process, there will be opportunities for stakeholder and public input into the development of the Adult Reentry grant program throughout the process. Upon the Board's approval of this agenda item, staff will post information about this ESC on the BSCC website

http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bscsecsseekingmembership.php and request statements from

stakeholders and subject matter experts who are interested in being considered as members of the Adult Reentry Grant ESC. Statements of interest may be submitted through August 17, 2018 from anyone who would like to serve on the ESC.

The Adult Reentry Grant Program funds (\$50,000,000) are to be allocated as follows:

- \$25,000,000 for rental assistance;
- \$15,000,000 for the rehabilitation of existing property or buildings for housing offenders released from prison;
- \$9,350,000 to support the “warm hand-off” and reentry of offenders transitioning from prison to communities;
- \$150,000 to support the Berkeley Underground Scholars Initiative; and
- \$500,000 to the BSCC for costs to administer the grant programs and report on program outcomes.

Funds appropriated in this item are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2021.

Proposed Activities:

Below are the proposed activities for the development of the Adult Reentry Grant Program.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
July 12, 2018	Present Chair and ESC agenda item to BSCC
TBD	Establish the Adult Reentry Grant Program ESC
TBD	RFP development
TBD	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
TBD	Release the RFP to the field
TBD	Bidders Conference
TBD	Proposals due to BSCC
TBD	ESC Rater Training
TBD	ESC rating of proposals complete
TBD	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair of the Adult Reentry Grant ESC.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish an ESC with relevant subject matter expertise and to modify membership if needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the Adult Reentry Grant Program Request for Proposals and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

E-1: Adult Reentry Grant Budget Bill Language