

**MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2022 **AGENDA ITEM:** C

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Proposition 47 Grant Program Funding Recommendations:  
**Requesting Approval**

### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Proposition 47 grant awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (Attachment C-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, 24 communities are eligible to receive \$124 million to provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people who have been involved in the justice system. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in Attachment C-2 and corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment C-3.

### Background

Proposition 47 codified Government Code sections 7599-7599.2 in a 2014 voter-approved initiative (Attachment C-4). Its purpose, as stated in the ballot initiative, is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

Assembly Bill 1056 (Chapter 438, Statutes of 2015) added legislative priorities for this grant program, including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, job-skills training, case management and civil legal services. Grants may fund programs that serve both adults and juveniles (Attachment C-5).

On September 16, 2021, the Board appointed Board Member Janet Gaard as the Executive Steering Committee Chair. On February 10, 2022, the Board approved the release of the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals with a proposal due date of May 2, 2022 (Attachment

X-6). The RFP made \$143,436,700 available competitively to public agencies located in the State of California.

The BSCC received 30 proposals requesting \$133,783,194 in funding. After a technical review, 29 of the 30 proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the ESC for funding consideration. On April 10-11, 2022, BSCC staff trained the ESC on the proposal reading and rating process established in the RFP. Once all ESC scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of all proposals that were considered for funding.

If the Board approves the ESC funding recommendations listed below, \$124,907,667 would be allocated. A total of \$18,529,033 would remain from the RFP and would be added to the additional funding that will become available in August 2022 as part of the annual, statutorily required, calculation conducted by the Department of Finance. Staff would bring an agenda item to the September 9, 2022, Board meeting to re-allocate the remaining funds and any additional funding.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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On behalf of the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund 20 Large Scope and four Small Scope proposals totaling \$124,907,667 for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system.
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle.
- Dissolve the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee upon approval of the funding recommendations.

### **Attachments**

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- C-1: Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee roster
- C-2: Proposition 47 Proposals Recommended for Funding
- C-3: Proposition 47 Proposal Summaries
- C-4: Proposition 47
- C-5: Assembly Bill 1056
- C-6: Proposition 47 Request for Proposals