

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant funding awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and the Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) (rosters provided in Attachment C-1). The TAG met on May 30, 2019 to finalize recommendations for funding. If the proposed list of grantees is approved, the grant period will begin July 1, 2019. Proposals recommended for funding include two tribes. A list of the tribes recommended for funding is provided in Attachment C-2.

Background

The Youth Reinvestment Grant Program was established the 2018 Budget Act and provides \$36.2 million in grant funding as follows:

1. \$35,062,000 to cities/counties for implementing evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate diversion programs in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests and high rates of racial/ethnic disproportionality within those juvenile arrests.
2. \$1,119,000 to Indian tribes for implementing diversion programs for Indian children using trauma-informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.

Key Components of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant

- Eligible applicants for the YRG Tribal Youth Diversion Grant are federally recognized tribes in California.
- The total available funding is \$1.1 million. There was no minimum and no maximum amount that a tribe could request.
- Successful applicants will be funded for a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Executive Steering Committee

On July 12, 2018, Board Members David Steinhart and Mark Varela were appointed as co-chairs of the Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC.

Key activities that have occurred since these appointments include:

- Following initial discussions with BSCC staff, the co-chairs directed staff to establish a Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) that would take lead responsibility on activities related to the tribal component of the Youth Reinvestment Grant.
- A 5-member¹ TAG was formed and convened on October 23 and 24 to develop the Request for Proposals for the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program.
- The Board approved the release of the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals on January 18, 2019, with a proposal due date of March 29, 2019. (Attachment C-3)
- Ten tribes submitted timely, complete proposals requesting \$5,874,224. (Attachment C-4)
- The TAG convened on May 30, 2019 to develop funding recommendations, and the ESC approved those recommendations on June 4, 2019.
- Project descriptions for those tribes recommended for award are included as Attachment C-5.

Recommendation/Action Needed

On behalf of the Youth Reinvestment Grant ESC and the Tribal Advisory Group, staff recommends the Board take the following actions:

1. Fully fund the proposal submitted by the Pinoleville Pomo Nation totaling \$889,737 for the provision of diversion services to Indian children. (Attachment C-2)
2. Partially fund the Karuk Tribe, which fell at the funding cut-off point on the rank-ordered list, in the amount of \$229,263 (of the \$249,011 requested).
3. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the proposal 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 proposal(s).

¹ Subsequent to TAG formation, one member resigned.

4. Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the proposal rank-ordered list should staff determine 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

C-1: ESC and TAG Rosters

C-2: List of Proposals Recommended for Funding

C-3: Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Request for Proposals

C-4: List of Tribal Applicants

C-5: Project Descriptions for Proposals Recommended for Funding