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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Title II Grant Program: Identifying Effective Interventions and Replicable Strategies for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities - Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Title II Grant Program Request for Proposals (Attachment D-1) developed by the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (SACJJDP) Reducing Racial and Ethnicity Disparity Subcommittee Working Group (Attachment D-2). The SACJJDP is soliciting a contractor with Racial and Ethnic Disparity project experience to develop a State and County data dashboard, to conduct a review of a sample of factors that contribute to Racial and Ethnic Disparity, and to develop a replicable framework for determining the appropriate measurable intervention. The final product will assist the SACJJDP in making data-driven recommendations on the allocation of Title II funding directed towards reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Juvenile Justice system.

Background

The Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018 is the federal statute that establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant, in part, by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Correction is the state agency that receives and administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award the majority of these funds to units of local government, nonprofits, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) (referred to as local private agencies in the JJRA), and Indian tribes consistent with the purpose and intent of the JJRA.

OJJDP requires states that receive Title II awards to establish a State Advisory Group to advise on Title II activities. In California, this Advisory Group is the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). The SACJJDP is a Governor-appointed committee serving as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that works on behalf of the Governor to support policy and programs that improve outcomes for young people in the justice system (Attachment D-3).

The Title II Grant Program promotes youth safety and well-being while in custody and identifies and supports successful and emerging reentry models. The SACJJDP developed the Title II Grant Program to provide alternatives to detention, aftercare and reentry services, diversion programs, mental health services, and mentoring, counseling, and training

programs for youth in the California juvenile justice system. The SACJJDP intended that programs focus on rehabilitation and building individual strengths instead of punishment for past mistakes and deficits and that California's Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) of youth in the juvenile justice system be addressed.

Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, 34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(15), in order to achieve compliance with the R.E.D requirement, states and territories must "implement policy, practice, and system improvement strategies at the state, territorial, local, and tribal levels, as applicable, to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, by:

- Establishing or designating existing coordinating bodies, composed of juvenile justice stakeholders (including representatives of the educational system) at the state, local, or tribal levels, to advise efforts by states, units of local government, and Indian Tribes to reduce racial and ethnic disparities;
- Identifying and analyzing data on race and ethnicity at decision points in state, local, or tribal juvenile justice systems to determine which such points create racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system; and
- Developing and implementing a work plan that includes measurable objectives for policy, practice, or other system changes, based on the needs identified in the data collection and analysis under subparagraph (B)."

To address the above requirements, the SACJJDP developed the following charge:

The SACJJDP will hire a consultant or use a subject matter expert(s) to develop a detailed review of each county, including the assessment of county interventions that are resulting in the reduction of racial and ethnic disparity and the identification of challenges and barriers that may exist within the county juvenile justice system. The review would analyze the RRI data and other sources of data as well as county policies, processes, and procedures. The analysis would demonstrate where disparity exists within the juvenile justice system and the project will highlight projects that are particularly noteworthy and include information about what makes them noteworthy to provide a framework to help counties to develop more effective interventions and/or replicable strategies.

To fulfill this charge, the SACJJDP looked to the subject-matter experts on in its Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D) Subcommittee. The R.E.D. Subcommittee includes representatives from the SACJJDP and experts on disproportionate minority contact. The successful applicant will work closely with the R.E.D. Subcommittee to implement the deliverables in this RFP.

Key Request for Proposal Components

- Eligible applicants must have experience in juvenile justice or juvenile delinquency data analysis; and experience with Racial and Ethnic Disparity projects.
- The contractor will work with BSCC staff and the SACJJDP R.E.D. Subcommittee to select juvenile racial and ethnic disparity data elements and metrics to best analyze and identify disparities that will be included in data dashboards and report tables (statewide and county-level).
- The contractor will develop a data dashboard that summarizes the data and report tables that display juvenile racial and ethnic disparity data element. The data summary and report tables will be developed to provide statewide-level data and data for each county. These will be developed in a manner, with supporting documentation, that data collection, storage, and updates of the underlying data tables, report tables, and data dashboard(s) can be updated annually by BSCC staff.
- The contractor will conduct an in-depth review of sample of counties to identify the factors, including policies and practices that contribute to racial and ethnic disparities; challenges and barriers to reducing racial and ethnic disparities; and, policies, practices, and interventions that reduce racial and ethnic disparities. The sampling methodology to select counties for the thorough review shall consider the data and information gathered.
- The review of the sample of counties shall be used to develop a framework that will assist in determining the most appropriate, measurable interventions and/or replicable strategies to implement to reduce racial and ethnic disparities. Documentation shall be provided that describes the purpose, sampling methodology, review method with enough detail to be replicated, and to review results.
- A maximum of \$300,000 may be requested with a project period of up to 18 months from the contract start date.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

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

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	November 19, 2020
Release Request for Proposals	November 20, 2020
Written Questions Submittal Deadline	December 3, 2020
Answers to Written Questions Published	December 17, 2020
Proposals Due to the BSCC	January 29, 2021
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	March 26, 2021
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	April 8, 2021
Contract Begins	June 1, 2021

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve and authorize release of the RFP as recommended by the Reducing Racial and Ethnicity Disparity Subcommittee Working Group and approved by the SACJJDP.

Attachments

D-1: Title II Grant Program Request for Proposals

D-2: State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Reducing Racial and Ethnicity Disparity Working Subcommittee Roster

D-3: State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Reducing Racial and Ethnicity Disparity Subcommittee Working Group Roster