

DATE: September 14, 2017 **AGENDA ITEM:** E

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program No-cost Extension of Grant Period: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to offer Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program grantees an 18 month no-cost time extension to their current grant period.

Background

Senate Bill 843 (Attachment E-1), chaptered on June 27, 2016, established the LEAD Pilot Program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections to “improve public safety and reduce recidivism by increasing the availability and use of social service resources while reducing costs to law enforcement agencies and courts stemming from repeated incarceration.” Modeled after the LEAD^{®1} Program in Seattle, Washington, up to three jurisdictions were eligible to be selected for a two-year pilot program to divert low-level drug offenders and those arrested for prostitution to social service providers in lieu of prosecution.

On September 22, 2016, the Board established an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of a request for proposal process, read and rate proposals and make funding recommendations. On April 17, 2017, the Board awarded \$11,800,000 in funding, as recommended by the ESC, to the only two applicants, Los Angeles County and the City and County of San Francisco.

At that time, the BSCC believed that its spending authority associated with the SB 843 appropriation ended on June 30, 2019, so it set up the grant cycle to end in 2019. Because SB 843 appropriated funds outside the annual budget act, staff has determined that the spending authority runs until June 30, 2021. Offering 18 additional months of operations time to the LEAD grantees would increase the number of participants served and further help to achieve positive outcomes. This extension is for time only; it does not provide additional funding.

Both the Los Angeles and San Francisco LEAD projects have indicated that a no-cost extension would benefit their programs and help to ensure that all grant funds are fully expended.

¹ LEAD is a registered trademark of the Public Defender Association (Based in Seattle, Washington)

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends the LEAD grantees be offered a no-cost extension allowing their current grant period to extend to December 31, 2020.

Attachments

E-1: Senate Bill 843