

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: F

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehabilitation of Existing Property Project, Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval.**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) (Attachment F-1) for the Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehabilitation of Existing Property Project.

The RFP is in final draft and this report will be updated and reposted by September 13, 2019.

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 (Attachment F-2). Pursuant to SB 840, the Board of State and Community Corrections is required to award competitive grants to community-based organizations (CBOs) to support offenders formerly incarcerated in state prison. Funding is to be awarded to CBOs for the three following project components:

- \$25,000,000 for rental assistance;
- \$9,350,000 to support the “warm hand-off” and reentry of offenders transitioning from prison to communities; and
- \$15,000,000 for the rehabilitation of existing property or buildings for housing offenders released from prison

The competitive-bid process for the Rental Assistance and Warm Hand-off Reentry Services is now concluded. On July 11, 2019 a total of 69 awards were approved by the Board for these two components.

The third component, Rehabilitation of Existing Property and Buildings, was pulled out of the larger grant development process and set aside to provide additional time to evaluate the BSCC’s responsibilities related to monitoring and adherence to state housing laws and regulations.

On July 11, 2019 the Board approved a grant-development process that included drafting a RFP for the Rehabilitation of Existing Property and Buildings component and posting it on the BSCC website for a 30-day public comment period. Following the end of the comment period staff was authorized to review public comment, update of the RFP as needed, and

return to the Board for approval. This RFP is before the Board today for approval to release to the field.

Additionally, the Board authorized the convening of a Scoring Committee to rate the proposals and develop funding recommendations and appointed Board Chair Linda Penner and Board Member Francine Tournour as Co-Chairs of this committee.

Key Grant Components

- Eligible applicants are CBOs registered to do business in the State of California that have been determined by the IRS to have 501(c)(3) status (i.e., nonprofit).
- Applicants will be allowed to request a minimum of \$3 million and up to a maximum of \$5 million for their proposed project.
- Applicants must provide a cash match of 20 percent of the grant award.
- Applicants must have provided housing services to homeless or persons at risk of homelessness for a minimum of three years.
- Applicants must use grant funds solely for the purpose of rehabbing property or buildings to house persons formerly incarcerated in state prison.
- Eligible housing may include transitional housing, permanent housing and safe-haven housing.
- Successful applicants must agree to house the target population of individuals formerly incarcerated in state prison following completion of the project and for the duration of the grant period until January 20, 2035.
- Eligible applicants must own and hold title to the property in fee simple that is proposed to be rehabilitated.
- As a condition to receipt of the award, the applicant must execute and deliver a promissory note in the amount of the grant and secured by a deed of trust on the project property naming the BSCC as the beneficiary.
- Projects must not result in the displacement of tenants or businesses.
- Funded projects will be limited to those that have no significant effect on the environment and are statutorily or categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehab of Existing Property Project.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	September 12, 2019
Release Request for Proposals	September 13, 2019
Bidders' Conference	September 24, 2019
Proposals Due to the BSCC (7 weeks)	November 1, 2019
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	November/December 2019 January 2020
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	January 23, 2020
Grants Begin	February 1, 2020

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve and release the Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehab of Existing Property Project RFP.

Attachments

F-1: Adult Reentry Grant Program Rehab of Existing Property Project RFP

F-2: Senate Bill 840