

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

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program. Staff is also requesting that the Board designate a Chair to oversee the grant development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify the ESC membership if needed.

Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154) established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program and appropriated \$4 million in funding (Attachment G-1). Per the Budget Act, funds shall be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections as competitive grants to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Grants should focus on activities including, but not limited to, developing culturally based prevention strategies, strengthening responses to human trafficking, and improving cooperation and communication on jurisdictional issues between state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement in order to investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people. The BSCC anticipates that \$12 million, or \$4 million per year, will be available across the next three fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations.

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, Staff will establish an ESC that is diverse in professional and lived experience, geography, gender, and demographics. The BSCC will seek interested persons to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website: [Executive Steering Committees - Seeking Membership](#).

Below are the proposed activities and the tentative timeline necessary to administer a competitive RFP process for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program:

Activity	Tentative Timeline
BSCC Board Considers Chair Appointment and ESC Establishment	July 25, 2022
ESC Recruitment and Formation	July - August, 2022
RFP development	September - November 2022
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	November 17, 2022
Release the RFP to the Field	November 2022
Bidders' Conference	December 2022
Proposals Due to the BSCC	February 2023
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	March-May 2023
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	June 2023
Grants Begin	July 2023

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a Chair to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Executive Steering Committee;
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed;
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee the development of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program RFP and to make funding recommendations; and
4. Approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant RFP.

Attachments

G-1: Budget Act of 2022 ([Senate Bill 154](#))