

**MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** I

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Youth Transitional Housing Program, Service Contract: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests the Board delegate authority to BSCC staff to administer the \$3 million transitional housing program for people leaving the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), which was part of the 2022 Budget Act.

### Background

On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) which requires the BSCC to contract with one or more public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, nonprofit organizations and state or local government agencies, to secure and fund up to one year of transitional housing for youth who will be discharged from DJJ by the Board of Juvenile Hearings (BJH) during Fiscal Year 2022-23 and *who are at risk of homelessness*. To be eligible to receive transitional housing services youth must be 18 years of age or older, and have been discharged by BJH between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The funds for transitional housing services are available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2024.

According to DJJ estimates, potentially 293 youth could be discharged from DJJ by June 30, 2023. The 31 counties which housed these youth at DJJ are identified in the list below. In general, these youth will be 18-years of age or older and (1) will have been adjudicated to have committed an offense described in WIC section 707, subdivision (b); (2) may be a person described in Penal Code section 290.008; (3) may require mental health services; and (4) may require living situations familiar with mental health service needs. Based on information currently available from DJJ, of the 293 youth who could be discharged by June 30, 2023, 62 youth meet the AB 178 target population criteria. This number is likely to change and fluctuate as DJJ continues to coordinate and plan for the release of youth with County Probation Departments.

On July 19, 2022, the BSCC released a Request for Information to solicit potential contractors to administer the transitional housing services program. (Attachment I-1.) Responses are due back on August 18, 2022. Depending on responses received, BSCC staff anticipates entering into one or more contracts on an expedited basis and prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

### Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff requests and recommend that the board delegates authority to staff to enter into contract(s) to administer the Transitional Youth Housing program.

**Attachments**

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I-1: Request for Information

I-2: Assembly Bill 178