

## Request for Information

### Transitional Housing for Youth Discharged from Division of Juvenile Justice

#### Introduction

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The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to inform the Board's decision making and identify potential contractor(s) to provide transitional housing services for youth who are discharged from the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as required under Assembly Bill (AB) 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). For the purposes of this RFI, "transitional housing services" means temporary housing with or without<sup>1</sup> supportive services for up to one year. "Transitional housing services" does not include an extended shelter stay. But rather it includes:

- transitional housing,
- transitional housing placement services,
- and rents and service fees paid for cost of the transitional housing.

#### Background

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On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed AB 178, 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.

#### Supplanting

To provide placement services for youth, County Probation Departments are provided with a variety of State funding sources. Additionally, County Probation Departments are already obligated to provide reentry plans which include placement/housing services (Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 1766). AB 178 funds shall not be used to replace these existing funds. AB 178 funds shall be used only for those youth who otherwise, without leveraging the funds or services provided through AB 178, *would not* be provided with a placement and would be at risk of homelessness.

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<sup>1</sup> While providing supportive services will not be necessary in all cases, given the eligible population described below and expected services that are likely necessary for successful reentry, respondents should anticipate describing the provision of supportive services in response to this RFI.

## Youth Housed at DJJ with Possible Discharge by June 30, 2023

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 needs.

### Counties with youth housed at DJJ who may be discharged by June 30, 2023:

- Alameda
- Butte
- Colusa
- Contra Costa
- Del Norte
- Fresno
- Humboldt
- Imperial
- Kern
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Merced
- Monterey
- Orange
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Joaquin
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz
- Shasta
- Solano
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tulare
- Ventura
- Yolo
- Yuba

### Target Population

Youth who are discharged by the BJH between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023 will be transported to the custody of the County Probation Department within 10 days of the youth's reentry hearing with the court. Final terms and conditions of supervision, which may include placement, are established by the court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 1766, subdivision (a)(6).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> No more than four days but no less than one day prior to the scheduled date of the reentry disposition hearing before the committing court, the Division of Juvenile Facilities shall transport and deliver the ward to the custody of the probation department of the committing county. On or prior to a ward's date of discharge from the Division of Juvenile Facilities, the committing court shall convene a reentry disposition hearing for the ward. The purpose of the hearing shall be for the court to identify those conditions of supervision that are appropriate under all the circumstances of the case and consistent with evidence-based practices. The court shall, to the extent it deems appropriate, incorporate postrelease recommendations made by the board as well as any reentry plan submitted by the county probation department and reviewed by the board into its disposition order. At the hearing the ward shall be fully informed of the terms and conditions of any order entered by the court, including the consequences for any violation thereof. The procedure of the reentry disposition hearing shall otherwise be consistent with the rules, rights, and procedures applicable to delinquency disposition hearings as described in Article 17 (commencing with [Section 675](#)) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 1766, subd. (a)(6).)

For each youth discharged by BJH, the County Probation Department may determine whether the youth is at risk of homelessness *and* requires placement in transitional housing services. For these youth, the County Probation Department will determine whether the ability to place the youth in transitional housing services is *only* possible by leveraging the funds provided through AB 178. **These youth, who without the use of AB 178 funding would not be provided a placement *and* would be at risk of homelessness, are the target population.** As a reminder, these youth generally will be 18-years of age or older and (1) will have been adjudicated to have committed an offense described in Welfare and Institutions Code 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 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. However, it does provide a general guide that the AB 178 target population is a small subset of the youth who will be discharged by BJH between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

### **Tentative Timeline (Subject to Change)**

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Release Request for Information	July 19, 2022
Questions due by prospective contractors	July 29, 2022
BSCC to post Q&A Responses	August 11, 2022
<b>RFI Responses Due to the BSCC</b>	<b>August 18, 2022</b>
BSCC Reviews Responses to Identify Appropriate Contractor(s)	August 2022
Contractor(s) Selected and Contract(s) Initiated	September 1, 2022
Contract(s) Executed	September 30, 2022
Service Period End Date	June 30, 2024

### **Request for Information**

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The purpose of the RFI is to invite public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, nonprofit organizations and state or local government agencies to submit information regarding their ability to provide transitional housing services to youth who are discharged from DJJ and at risk of homelessness. For the purposes of this RFI, “transitional housing services” means temporary housing with or without supportive services for up to one year that is exclusively designated and designed for youth

discharged from DJJ. “Transitional housing services” shall not include an extended shelter stay. But rather it includes:

- transitional housing,
- transitional housing placement services,
- and rents and service fees paid for cost of the transitional housing.

Responses to this RFI must address each section below. Each section should be titled according to its section header as provided (e.g., Section 1: Capability and Qualifications). Within each section, address its criteria (bulleted lists below) in a comprehensive manner.

For questions about this RFI, please send an email to [AB178@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:AB178@bscc.ca.gov).

### **Section 1: Capability and Qualifications**

- Experience identifying appropriate transitional housing placement services and/or providing transitional housing for the target population or a similarly situated adult population.
  - Describe any experience serving youth who:
    - (1) will have been adjudicated to have committed an offense described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 707, subdivision (b)
    - (2) may be a person described in Penal Code section 290.008; or
    - (3) youth or adults who may require mental health services
- Experience and qualifications of key staff to provide and manage transitional housing placements and or transitional housing services.
- Ability to provide and manage transitional housing placement services and/or transitional housing.

### **Section 2: Coordination**

- Ability to coordinate with local probation department(s) to provide transitional housing placement services and/or provide transitional housing for the target population.
- Ability to provide case management to support youth remaining housed during the service period including a plan to identify and assist any youth with a change in housing status during the service period.

### **Section 3: Scope of Transitional Housing Services**

- Describe the type of transitional housing services the respondent can provide. That is, transitional housing placement services and/or transitional housing for the target population.
- For transitional housing placement service, the descriptions should include:

- whether the service can be provided for all 31 counties with youth housed at DJJ who may be discharged by June 30, 2023, **or** for a specific subset of these counties.
- The number of youth by county for which the transitional housing placement services can be provided.
- For transitional housing, the description should include:
  - the counties for which actual transitional housing can be provided (of the 31 with youth housed at DJJ who may be discharged by June 30, 2023).
  - the number of youth by county for which the transitional housing can be provided.
  - the physical features of the housing.
  - any special physical features that accommodate mental health needs, disabilities, reduce harm, and/or promote health and community and independence among tenants.
  - the physical location in relation to supportive services for the youth (e.g., mental health care, substance use services, medical care, education, job training, probation, transportation services).
- For each type of transitional housing service, describe:
  - how the transitional housing will be selected and delivered for each youth.
  - the available length and duration of the services.
  - how the transitional housing provided meets or will meet the core components of Housing First (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 8255 et seq.).
- Discuss ability to secure more permanent housing for youth.

#### **Section 4: Estimated Cost**

- Provide detailed cost information for each type of transitional housing service the respondent can provide. Cost estimates should include:
  - for transitional housing placement services (if applicable), the cost per youth and by county.
  - For transitional housing, the cost per bed day either as a statewide average or as a breakdown by the county to which the youth will be discharged. Include only costs for the transitional housing, not other services (mental health services, medical services, etc.).
  - Staff cost associated with coordination and case management.
  - Indirect costs.
- Provide detailed information about what is and is not included in the estimated cost.
- Provide information to support each expense.

## Submission

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Responses to this RFI must be complete and submitted in an electronic version to the BSCC by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered.

A complete response will include one pdf file that contains:

1. A coversheet that identifies the title of the RFI, the respondent (include primary point of contact's name, title, email, and phone number), and the date submitted.
2. A narrative response (may include figures, charts, or graphs) to each of the four (4) sections outlined above (i.e., Section 1: Capability and Qualifications, Section 2: Coordination, Section 3: Scope of Transitional Housing Services, and Section 4: Estimated Cost).

**If the BSCC does not receive an email containing the complete response by 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2022, the response will not be considered.**

Email the complete response to: [AB178@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:AB178@bscc.ca.gov).

If the response is made under a fictitious name or business title, the actual legal name of the respondent must be provided.

## Restriction on Use of Funds

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### Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. By submitting a bid or proposal, Contractor represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Contractor's bid/proposal any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the State.