

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Title II Grant Program – Tribal Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Title II Grant Program Tribal funding recommendation developed by the Title II Grant Executive Steering Committee (Attachment C-1). With Board approval, the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians will receive \$350,000 in funding for its first year, with second- and third-year funding in the same amount contingent on the availability of future Title II appropriations. The grant agreement will be in place from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026.

Background

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), as reauthorized and amended by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (JJRA), is the federal statute that establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant, in part, by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Corrections is the state agency that receives and administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award most of these funds to units of local government, non-profits, non-governmental organizations (referred to as local private agencies in the JJRA), and Indian tribes consistent with the purpose and intent of the JJRA.

OJJDP requires that states receiving Title II awards establish a State Advisory Group to advise on Title II activities. In California, this group is the Governor-appointed State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). The SACJJDP serves as a standing BSCC Executive Steering Committee that works on behalf of the Governor to support policy and programs that improve outcomes for young people in the justice system. The SACJJDP developed California's Title II State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023. The Program Purpose Areas (PPAs) identified by the SACJJDP for inclusion in the Title II Grant Program are:

1. Aftercare/Reentry
2. Alternatives to Detention
3. Community-Based Programs & Services
4. Diversion
5. Mentoring, Counseling & Training Programs
6. Job Training

On June 10, 2021, the Board authorized SACJJDP Chair Rachel Rios to convene an ESC and to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Title II Grant. The ESC met on March 16-17, 2022, to develop the RFP. The RFP was approved by the Board

and released on June 9, 2022. That RFP included a set-aside to fund “a California tribal applicant or applicant lead agency partnering with a California tribe.” BSCC did not receive any applications for the set-aside tribal funding.

As a result, a separate tribal-specific Title II RFP was approved by the Board and released on April 13, 2023 (Attachment C-2). Applicants could apply for up to \$350,000 annually for a three-year grant period. Proposals were due on June 9, 2023, and BSCC received two proposals. Both proposals met all submission criteria and were provided to the ESC for scoring. Once all scores were submitted, staff ranked the two proposals.

The highest-ranked tribe, the **Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians**, is recommended for funding. If approved, the tribe will receive \$350,000 for the first year of the three-year cycle. Funding and amounts for the second and third years are contingent on future OJJDP Title II awards. The tribe applied under PPA 4, Diversion and a program summary is included here:

Project Summary: The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, a Federally recognized Tribe located in Northern California, will implement the Youth Chronic Absentee Diversion Program to fund the services of a Youth Counselor and a Student Academic Advocate. These positions will ensure program participants receive mental health counseling, family counseling, tutoring and cultural education. The Tribe will also hire a new Tutor to facilitate a Homework Club. The Homework Club will be a trauma-informed afterschool care program that will provide youth with tutoring support. The expected outcomes for the Coyote Valley 2023 Youth Chronic Absentee Diversion Program include a decrease in chronic absenteeism, an increase in graduation rates, and an increase in youth diverted from the juvenile justice system.

Note: Welfare and Institutions Code section 2200, subdivision (f), provides that the Board shall not award juvenile grants without concurrence from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration. OYCR has reviewed the proposed Title II Tribal award and concurs with the SACJJD recommendations. A letter of concurrence is attached (Attachment C-3).

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the funding recommendation as adopted by the Title II Tribal ESC.
- Authorize staff to make an award to the other qualified applicant if this applicant is unable to accept the award or relinquishes its award.
- Authorize staff to continue to make an award to the other qualified applicant if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if the grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the award is relinquished during the grant cycle.

Attachments

C-1: Title II Executive Steering Committee Roster

C-2: Title II Tribal Grant - Request for Proposals

C-3: Letter of Concurrence from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration