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Youth Reinvestment, Second Chance Act, and Trauma Recovery Center Grant Programs

PRESENTED TO:

Assembly Select Committee on the
Status of Boys and Men of Color
Hon. Eduardo Garcia, Chair



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Youth Reinvestment Grant Program

► Purpose

- Provides funding to local governments and tribes for the purpose of diverting low-level offenders away from the juvenile justice system through evidence-based programs.
- Program began in 2018-19 and is administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

► Funding

- The 2018-19 budget included \$37 million in one-time General Fund support for the program—\$35 million in grants for local jurisdictions, \$1 million for tribes, and \$1 million for administration. BSCC awarded most of this funding in June 2019. (Roughly \$6 million of the local jurisdiction funding was not awarded due to a lack of applicants meeting required criteria.)
- The 2019-20 budget includes \$15 million in one-time General Fund support—\$5 million for local jurisdictions and \$10 million for tribes.

► Examples of Grant Recipients

- Thirty local jurisdictions have received funding. Examples of funded programs include a range of after-school and mentoring programs in Culver City and a program in Alameda County that provides services to at-risk or justice-involved youth (such as a late-night sports league, case management, and mentorship).
- Two tribes have received funding, including the Pinoleville Pomo Nation in Mendocino County, which received \$900,000 for a plan to reduce probation, suspension, and dropout rates among tribal youth.

► Program Evaluation

- BSCC is required to contract for a statewide outcome evaluation of the program. The evaluator will collect and utilize data from grant recipients to develop a report on program outcomes by May 2023.



Second Chance Act Grant Program

► Purpose

- Provides four-year grants to public agencies for mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs with an emphasis on reducing recidivism.
- Program began in 2016-17 and is administered by BSCC.

► Funding

- Program receives 65 percent of the savings resulting from Proposition 47 (2014), which reduced the penalties for certain nonviolent, nonserious drug and property crimes.
- In June 2017, BSCC approved grants totaling \$104 million for a first cohort of 23 public agencies.
- In June 2019, BSCC approved grants totaling \$96 million for a second cohort of 23 public agencies.

► Examples of Grant Recipients

- Los Angeles County received funding to create and expand services for justice-involved individuals (such as case management, housing, and wrap-around services).
- Santa Ana Unified School District received funding to provide mental health, substance use disorder treatment, diversion, housing assistance, and job development at eight target schools sites.

► Program Evaluation

- Grantees must submit a number of evaluations to BSCC including preliminary evaluations to assess progress over the first two years of the grant and a final evaluation report to assess program effectiveness.
- Preliminary evaluation reports for the first cohort of grant recipients are due August 2019.



Trauma Recovery Center Grant Program

► Purpose

- Provides two-year grants to Trauma Recovery Centers (TRCs), which are centers that directly assist victims in coping with a traumatic event (such as by providing mental health care and substance use disorder treatment). TRCs also provide training on the effects of violent crime and the treatment of trauma to law enforcement, community-based organizations, and other health care providers.
- The grant program began in 2013-14 and is administered by the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB).

► Funding

- Program receives 10 percent of the savings resulting from Proposition 47, as well as \$2 million annually from the Restitution Fund.
- In 2018-19, six TRCs received a total of about \$8 million.
- In 2019-20, eight additional TRCs will receive a total of about \$9 million.

► Grant Recipients

- In 2018-19, TRCs in Alameda, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Francisco received funding.
- In 2019-20, additional TRCs in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin, and Solano will receive funding.

► Program Evaluation

- In 2018-19, CalVCB began requiring grant recipients to submit performance measures.
- Based on these measures, CalVCB estimates that in 2019-20, services will be provided to 7,700 clients and 378 training sessions will be provided to law enforcement and other organizations.

