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AGENDA ITEM: B

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program – Cohort IV – Recommendations for Funding of Mental Health Services for Front Line Workers of Existing Grantees:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to award approximately \$275,000 in supplemental grants to Cohort IV grantees of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program to address the mental health needs of their frontline workers.

Background

The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$1.8 million to build capacity in community-based violence intervention and prevention. (Senate Bill 129, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021.) On February 10, 2022, the Board approved the CalVIP Executive Steering Committee's (ESC) recommendations that these funds be allocated to the following five categories:

1. Training and certifications to expand the field of frontline workers
2. Supplemental grants to provide mental health services to frontline workers
3. Regional technical assistance to build capacity on issues, such as data collection
4. Convening strategy meetings for grantees to identify and share best practices
5. Institute a culturally relevant professional development pilot program

Subsequently, the Budget Act of 2022 allocated an additional \$1.8 million for the CalVIP program. (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022.) This resulted in a total of \$3.6 million to the CalVIP program as funding for service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, expand capacity and training. On November 17, 2022, the Board approved the staff's recommendation to double the set-aside amounts for the five funding categories.

Based on the ESC's recommendations, BSCC staff developed the CalVIP Mental Health Services for Frontline Workers Request for Applications (RFA), which made \$1 million in funding available to CalVIP Cohort IV grantees as supplemental grants for providing mental health services to frontline workers and their families. On March 27, 2023, the RFA was released as a non-competitive grant to 108 current Cohort IV grantees with \$9,174 available for each grantee.

The BSCC received 30 applications requesting approximately \$275,000 in funding. BSCC staff conducted an internal review of the applications and determined that 24 applications would fulfill the goals and purposes of the RFA. Staff also determined that the remaining six

applications could be awarded if the applicants slightly modified their proposals. BSCC staff generated a list of all proposals considered for funding ranked in no particular order. (Attachment B-1.)

If the Board approves the staff's recommendations, staff will execute grant agreements with the 24 projects recommended for funding and will work with the six additional projects to ensure their proposals are consistent with the RFA before an award is made to them. The grant projects will begin on July 1, 2023.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve the proposed list of 24 applicants, comprised of current CalVIP Cohort IV grantees, for approximately \$275,000 in supplemental grants that will run from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.
2. Authorize staff to make six additional awards from the list contingent upon the applicant's ability to submit and receive approval for modifications that would make their proposal align with the project scope, objectives, and other requirements of the CalVIP Mental Health Services for Frontline Workers RFA.

Attachments

B-1: List of CalVIP Mental Health Services for Frontline Workers Applications
Recommended for Funding

B-2: CalVIP Mental Health Services for Frontline Workers Grant Request for Applications