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Dear Mr. Cate and Ms. Baker:

The Budget Act of 2015 (FY 15-16) allocates \$4 million to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grants described in Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment I). This money is an addition to the \$8 million provided in the Budget Act of 2014 (FY 14-15). Any county interested in receiving a portion of this additional \$4 million must notify the BSCC by September 30, 2015 by means of a letter of interest. This opportunity is available to any county, including counties who chose not to participate in the FY 14-15 grant program.

Counties that notified the BSCC of their interest in participating in the grant program in FY 14-15 were required to submit Board of Supervisor meeting minutes authorizing the county to receive the grant funds. For funding in FY 15-16, counties whose prior Board approval for accepting funding was not limited to the FY 14-15 funds and otherwise does not restrict receipt of additional funds are not required to submit new meeting minutes of approval. If the prior Board approval was limited in this manner, new meeting minutes that show a vote of approval for receipt of additional funds in FY 15-16 is required.

The county must award its grant dollars through a competitive process to a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities that provide community recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from state prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department, or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. To afford maximum flexibility, if your county has already completed this competitive process with the FY 14-15 funding, counties may allocate FY 15-16 funding to those service providers who competed for the FY 14-15 funding, or counties may choose to initiate a new competitive process. Please note that an allocation to any service provider is capped pursuant to paragraph (e) of Penal Code section 1233.10. Each county may use up to five percent of its allocation for administrative costs.

Counties that received FY 14-15 funds and counties that choose to participate in the FY 15-16 allocations are also required to collect and submit data to the BSCC on grants awarded. Service providers that receive a grant are responsible for reporting to the county Board of Supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnerships on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided. The Board of Supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnerships must then

report this information to the BSCC on or before January 31, 2016 and each year thereafter until the final reporting date of January 31, 2021, as applicable (please note that this due date is a change from the January 1, 2016 due date you were advised of in a prior email to provide you with additional time to compile the data). Specifically, on January 31, 2016, participating counties must provide the BSCC with data collected from December 5, 2014 – December 31, 2015 and annually thereafter for the prior calendar year. This data must be reported for each of the years that a service provider operates with these funds. If all funds are not encumbered by a reporting date, counties will report on any funds that have been encumbered and provide detail on the funds that have not been encumbered. The BSCC is developing a data reporting spreadsheet to streamline the data collection process and will be sending it, electronically, to the county's primary contact when it is finalized.

The FY 14-15 funding as well as the FY 15-16 can be spent over four years after allocation of funding to counties. Any funds not used by a county or a service provider within four years will revert back to the state General Fund.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions attachment or feel free to contact me directly. You can also contact the BSCC's primary staffer working with this grant, Megan Barber-Brancamp, at megan.barber-brancamp@BSCC.ca.gov and (916) 445-9435. Additionally, if you have not already done so, please provide Megan Barber-Brancamp with the contact information for your county's primary staff person working on the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen T. Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" being more prominent than the last name "Howard".

KATHLEEN T. HOWARD
Executive Director
Board of State and Community Corrections

cc: Ms. Karen Pank, Executive Director, Chief Probation Officers of California
Mr. Nick Warner, Policy Director, California State Sheriffs' Association

Attachments