



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: January 24, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
Contact Info: Serena Cyr, Psy.D., Program Manager CREDO47
Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
SUBJECT: Department of Behavioral Wellness – Board of State and Community Corrections
(BSCC) Prop 47 Grant Agreement for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-26

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute the **Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Agreement No. BSCC 514-22**, accepting **\$6,000,000** for the County of Santa Barbara, for the provision of the Crisis, Recovery, Engagement, Diversion & Outreach, Proposition 47 (CREDO47) Program, which diverts individuals with a history of mental illness and/or substance use from the criminal justice system to trauma-informed crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health and substance use wraparound services, for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 1, 2026 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute immaterial amendments that do not change the amount or substantive terms of the BSCC Grant Agreement, subject to the concurrence of Risk Management, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel and the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) or designee to execute the BSCC Grant Agreement No. BSCC 514-22 for the provision of the CREDO47 Program, which diverts individuals with a history of mental illness and/or substance use from the criminal justice system to trauma-informed crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health and substance use wraparound services. The recommended actions would also authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute immaterial amendments to the BSCC Grant Agreement that do not change the amount or substantive terms of the BSCC Grant Agreement, subject to the concurrence of Risk Management, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel and the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time. The grant is in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 1, 2026.

Background:

Proposition 47

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot. As stated in the ballot measure: The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.

As further stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to: Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems.

Assembly Bill 1056 (Statutes of 2015, Chapter 438) added additional priorities to the grant program including housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services such as job skills training, case management and civil legal services.

BSCC Grant and CREDO47 Program

On February 11, 2022, BSCC issued a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and Request for Proposals (RFP) for Prop 47, making approximately \$143 million available for a grant period of September 1, 2022 through June 1, 2026. On May 2, 2022, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) submitted its application for the CREDO47 Program, and on July 26, 2022, BWell was notified that it had been selected to receive a grant award.

The Crisis, Recovery, Engagement, Diversion & Outreach, Proposition 47 (CREDO47) Program is a partnership between Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (co-lead), Public Defender's Office (co-lead), Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and local community-based organizations including Good Samaritan Shelter, and Family Service Agency. CREDO47 diverts individuals with a history of mental illness and/or substance use from the criminal justice system to trauma-informed crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health and substance use wraparound services, including screening at three points of entry: in the field via Co-Response Team, at the jail during booking, and prior to arraignment. Once diverted, the CREDO47 Stabilization Center provides medical monitoring, sobering services, support transitioning from jail and assistance transitioning to substance use treatment. Step-Down Housing provides clients with comprehensive case management services, housing assistance, and social services.

Crisis Intervention and Stabilization: CREDO47 includes one Co-Response Team (CRT) that responds to behavioral health crises and diverts individuals from jail to appropriate treatment prior to arrest. The

team includes a mental health clinician who is a member of the County's Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) team, and a Sheriff's deputy who is trained in crisis intervention. The team responds to behavioral health crisis calls received by the Sheriff's Office from Goleta and Isla Vista and conducts proactive engagements with individuals for whom they previously served during a crisis call or who could be at risk of experiencing a future crisis. Team members are trained to identify symptoms of SMI and SUD and can divert individuals from arrest for minor crimes (e.g., low-level misdemeanors) to the CREDO47 program, including stabilization, sobering, longer-term behavioral health, and housing services. The team works in collaboration between Behavioral Wellness Crisis Services and Sheriff Office's Behavioral Science unit, which holds joint trainings for team members, law enforcement, crisis staff, and dispatchers countywide.

Stabilization Center, Sobering and Transition: The CREDO47 Stabilization Center is managed by Good Samaritan and provides short-term sobering and transition services. The Center offers a safe place for individuals acutely under the influence of alcohol or drugs who need a supportive intervention without fear of arrest. Additionally, the CREDO47 Stabilization Center provides temporary placement and assistance for individuals who have been released from custody and are awaiting their next destination and/or for individuals who have been assigned a bed in a residential program within the next few days. Clients are referred by law enforcement, Probation, Public Defender, treatment providers, family and self. Individuals can remain at the Center for approximately 24 hours, and services include case management, alcohol and drug counseling, and medical care. Staff include an Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) certified counselor, a registered nurse (RN), a recovery assistant, an emergency medical technician (EMT), and a case worker.

Housing Stabilization and Step-Down Housing Program: Step Down Housing (SDH) is overseen by Good Samaritan and offers supportive housing for up to 20 individuals at one time with SMI and/or SUD. Individuals are referred to SDH by Public Defenders, Probation, law enforcement, Behavioral Wellness, and other treatment providers. Participants must have a history of homelessness, justice involvement, and be willing to engage in mental health and/or substance use treatment throughout their time at SDH. Individuals can transition to one of four SDH homes where they can reside for six to twelve months in a supportive environment which fosters successful re-entry into the community. Individuals living in the house receive case management, behavioral health services, life skills education (e.g., financial literacy, managing personal property), and housing support (e.g., securing housing vouchers, locating long-term housing), as appropriate.

Therapeutic Case Management and Service Linkage: CREDO47 programs are delivered utilizing a trauma-informed, client-focused, culturally competent and gender responsive approach in order to create a safe environment where individuals can receive the support they need to determine their next steps toward the road to recovery, regardless of what level of intervention is needed. Case management includes linkage to Behavioral Wellness and community-based mental health and substance use resources including, psychiatry for medication management and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use disorders as well as focus on the socio-ecological characteristics that can impact an individual's wellbeing in the community.

A large majority of the target population have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional trauma. Individuals who experience trauma are at increased risk for numerous psychiatric disorders, including attachment disorders, substance abuse, depression, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, dissociative disorders, and psychosis. CREDO47 aims to resist re-traumatization by keeping participants physically and psychologically safe. CREDO47 staff support clients to recognize harm caused to self and others while also supporting their growth toward repairing injuries sustained. Treatment services and supportive housing allow clients to live in an environment that allows for growth in their path to recovery.

Performance Measure:

The County will be required to comply with data collection and reporting requirements. The County will submit quarterly progress reports in a format prescribed by the BSCC, which will describe progress made on program objectives and include required data. As part of the progress reports, County will be required to submit de-identified individual level data through an online data portal. The County is also required to provide the BSCC with a financial audit that covers the service delivery period of the grant. The audit report will be due no later than June 1, 2026.

The Local Evaluation Plan must be completed by January 15, 2023. The purpose of the Local Evaluation Plan is to ensure that projects funded by the BSCC can be evaluated. The Local Evaluation Plan will describe the evaluation design or model that will be used to assess the effectiveness of the project component(s), with the project goals and the project objectives clearly stated. The Plan should also address process and outcome evaluations.

Following project completion, the Final Local Evaluation Report must be completed by June 1, 2026. Within the Local Evaluation Report, an Executive Summary must be included that adheres to the format prescribed by the BSCC specifically for the Executive Summary. The purpose of the Final Local Evaluation Report is to determine whether the overall project (including each individual component) was effective in meeting the goals laid out in the Local Evaluation Plan. To do this, the grantee must assess and document the effectiveness of the activities that were implemented within each individual project component.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 22-23:	FY 23-24:	FY 24-25:	FY 25-26:	Total One-Time Grant FY 22-26:
General Fund					
State	\$ 940,893	\$ 1,861,201	\$ 1,891,214	\$ 1,306,692	\$ 6,000,000
Federal					
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$ 940,893	\$ 1,861,201	\$ 1,891,214	\$ 1,306,692	\$ 6,000,000

Narrative: The above-referenced agreement is funded by grant funding from BSCC. BWell will be paid quarterly in arrears by submitting an invoice to the BSCC that outlines actual expenditures claimed for the invoicing period. Other revenue sources will be leveraged to fund expenditures for items such as personnel, supplies, and indirect costs not covered by grant funds. All project expenditures (excluding costs associated with the completion of the Final Local Evaluation Report and the financial audit) and all obligated leverage contributions must be incurred by the end of the grant project period, March 1, 2026, and included on the invoice due April 15, 2026. Project expenditures incurred after March 1, 2026 will not be reimbursed.

Key Contract Risks:

The grant agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available through the annual transfer of savings generated by Proposition 47 from the General Fund to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund and subsequent transfer from the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund to the Second Chance Fund. BSCC’s obligation to pay any sum to the County under any provision of the agreement is contingent upon the availability of sufficient funding transferred to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools

Fund and subsequent transfer to the Second Chance Fund. If Proposition 47 funding is reduced or falls below estimates contained within the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals, the BSCC shall have the option to either cancel the Grant Agreement with no liability occurring to the BSCC or offer an amendment to the agreement to the County to reflect a reduced amount.

At such time as the balance of state funds allocated to BWell reaches five percent (5%), the BSCC may withhold that amount as security, to be released to the County upon compliance with all grant provisions. The BSCC will not reimburse the County for costs identified as ineligible for grant funding. If grant funds have been provided for costs subsequently deemed ineligible, the BSCC may either withhold an equal amount from future payments to the County or require repayment of an equal amount to the State by the County.

The Agreement imposes procedural, data collection, and reporting requirements that the County will need to implement, which may be subject to future audit. Failure to meet prescribed assurances, commitments, recording, accounting, auditing, and reporting requirements of the Grant Agreement could result in funding being withheld or result in termination of the agreement. Should there be grounds for termination, BSCC will provide at least 30 calendar days written notice stating the reasons for termination.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Bethany Le at bethle@sbcowell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcowell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: BSCC FY 22-26 Grant Agreement No. BSCC 514-22

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