

## Proposal for Fiscal Years 2023-26

### Allocation of CCJBH Mental Health Services Funds:

## Lived Experience Projects

The Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) receives an ongoing annual allocation of \$670,000 from the Mental Health Services Act funds (MHSF) for “stakeholder advocacy contracts, and associated program administration, to support mental health outreach, and services for criminal justice-involved populations.”<sup>1</sup> Effective 2020, this funding was used to support six contracts that will come to an end on June 30, 2023:

- Five contracts with community-based organizations covering all regions of the State, each of which are responsible for elevating the perspectives of individuals with lived experience (LE) to reduce the involvement of youth and adults with behavioral health (BH) needs who are justice-involved (JI); (hereafter referred to as the BH/JI population). Through these LE Project (LEP) contracts, individuals with LE have increased their advocacy capacity, engaged in education and training opportunities, expanded organizational and community awareness of those with LE, and have improved collaborative efforts with system partners. These contractors also provided valuable expertise that informed CCJBH projects, including the SB 369 Veto Message Report and the Public Health Meets Public Safety Project.
- One contract with the California State University, Sacramento, which utilized stakeholder engagement activities to capture information on a variety of statewide issues regarding the BH/JI population.

Collectively, the Regional LEP and CSUS contracts established the importance of LE integration throughout various levels of State and local government, established partnerships with local community-based organizations, and created opportunities for cross-collaboration on initiatives that addressed the needs of the BH/JI populations.

### **Proposal for Upcoming Allocation CCJBH MHSF (beginning in FY 2023-24)**

CCJBH seeks to continue using MHSF to sustain and expand on the progress realized through the LE projects by further engaging and welcoming input from diverse groups of stakeholders to help identify priorities, inform project designs, and advance the development of recommendations that can positively impact outcomes for the BH/JI population. Given the success of the current contracts, and the need for continued efforts to expand upon State and local level LE advocacy and expertise to inform policy and program development for the BH/JI population; CCJBH staff proposes the development of a solicitation for consulting services to engage one Statewide and one Regional Contractor for the development of diverse and inclusive LE Education and Advocacy Programs.

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<sup>1</sup> 2018-2019 Budget Committee Final Closeout dated June, 8, 2018. “Approve \$795,000 ongoing for the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health to establish a consumer contract to represent the mentally ill population that is involved with the criminal justice system (\$670,000) and 1 position to the Council (\$125,000).”

Through these contracts, CCJBH would work with the LE contractors to produce deliverables related to best practices and/or recommendations for improvements in systems and communities throughout the state to improve the BH/JI population expertise in the areas most challenging for them such as access to health and behavioral health care, housing, employment/education, and social services. State and Regional LEP contractors will assist CCJBH in accomplishing overarching goals that support elevating the lived experience perspectives at the state and local levels.

**Three Local-Level LE Education and Advocacy Contracts**  
**(\$125,833 per contract/year x 3 contracts x 3 years = \$1,132,500 Total MHSF)**

CCJBH will seek the services of three Local-Level LE contractors for a three-year contract (FY 2023-26) to continue working to advocate for the unique needs of the BH/JI population from the LE perspective, providing deep expertise to develop project deliverables that support the following goals:

- Elevating the perspectives and experiences of youth and adults with lived experience at the state and local level (e.g., integrate their voices, experiences, and perspectives in planning and decision-making processes);
- Educating and increasing community awareness of the needs of the BH/JI population, including how the success of these individuals is beneficial to community health and safety;
- Promoting and fostering multi-disciplinary collaborations across the different systems that serve the BJ/JI population including, but not limited to, health, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing, and social services;
- Promoting the practice of employing Forensic Peer Support Specialists (individuals with LE in the BH/JI systems), within systems that serve the BH/JI population including, but not limited to, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing and social services, requesting feedback from consumers and family members, as needed; and
- Gathering stakeholder feedback to help inform the decision-making process on projects and policy that impact the BH/JI population.

Based on geography, county groupings for each contract would be as follows:

County Grouping Contract #1:	County Grouping Contract #2:	County Grouping Contract #3:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Dorado</li> <li>• Sutter-Yuba</li> <li>• Alpine</li> <li>• Placer</li> <li>• Sacramento</li> <li>• Butte</li> <li>• Colusa</li> <li>• Del Norte</li> <li>• Glenn</li> <li>• Humboldt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alameda</li> <li>• Contra Costa</li> <li>• Marin</li> <li>• Monterey</li> <li>• Napa</li> <li>• San Benito</li> <li>• San Francisco</li> <li>• San Mateo</li> <li>• Santa Clara</li> <li>• Santa Cruz</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imperial</li> <li>• Kern</li> <li>• Orange</li> <li>• Riverside</li> <li>• San Bernardino</li> <li>• San Diego</li> <li>• San Luis Obispo</li> <li>• Santa Barbara</li> <li>• Ventura</li> </ul>

County Grouping Contract #1:	County Grouping Contract #2:	County Grouping Contract #3:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake</li> <li>• Lassen</li> <li>• Mendocino</li> <li>• Modoc</li> <li>• Nevada</li> <li>• Plumas</li> <li>• Shasta</li> <li>• Sierra</li> <li>• Siskiyou</li> <li>• Tehama</li> <li>• Trinity</li> <li>• Yolo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solano</li> <li>• Sonoma</li> <li>• City of Berkeley</li> <li>• San Joaquin</li> <li>• Amador</li> <li>• Calaveras</li> <li>• Stanislaus</li> <li>• Mariposa</li> <li>• Inyo</li> <li>• Tuolumne</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tri-City (Pomona, Claremont, La Verne)</li> <li>• Los Angeles</li> <li>• Fresno</li> <li>• Madera</li> <li>• Kings</li> <li>• Merced</li> <li>• Tulare</li> </ul>

***One State-Level LE Education and Advocacy Contract  
(\$188,750/year x 1 contract x 2 years = \$377,500 Total MHSF)***

In addition to securing a LE contractor to work at the local level, CCJBH will also seek the services of one State-level contractor for a two-year contract (FY 2023-25) to develop project deliverables that focus on all of the goals outlined above for the Local-Level contractor, as well as:

- Provide CCJBH staff with direct technical assistance on active CCJBH projects, as needed;
- Employ at least one individual with BH/JI lived experience to provide subject matter expertise on relevant CCJBH and LE contract work products;
- Compile work products developed under CCJBH’s FY 2020-23 LEP contracts for statewide dissemination.
- Identify and engage “hidden network” community-based organizations statewide that are trusted and serve the BH/JI population.

**Next Steps**

CCJBH staff will present this contract proposal to CCJBH Councilmembers during the December 9, 2022, meeting to solicit Councilmember and public stakeholder feedback to ensure the needs of the BH/JI populations are accurately and appropriately reflected in the solicitation. Councilmembers will be requested to vote to have CCJBH staff move forward to develop Request for Proposals (RFPs) for these contracts, with a targeted release in early winter of 2023. CCJBH anticipates to execute the LE contracts no sooner than July 1, 2023.