

Measure 0 - CHOICE Grant Program

Option for Two-Year Funding Cycle

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Overview

- Background
- Research Analysis
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Background

- June 25th – City Council approved Cycle VII funding recommendations
- Six agencies for \$590,000
- One year of funding
- Directed staff to provide additional justification for two-year funding cycle

Research Analysis

- Researched municipalities and other funders
- CHOICE grant review team perspective
- Assessed staff capacity
- Reviewed needs assessment and surveyed grant applicants
- Reviewed MGPTF Strategic Plan
- Conducted focus group with MGPTF Operational Team

Research Results

Entity	Years of Funding Cycle	Supports Multi-Year Funding*
Board of State & Community Corrections	2	X
California Endowment	2	X
California Wellness Foundation	3	X
City of Los Angeles	3	X
City of Oakland	3	X
City of San Jose	3	X
Federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention	3	X
Sonoma County Health and Human Services Departments	3	X

*Multi-year funding based on contingencies

Research Results cont...

- **Reviewed Needs Assessment and Surveyed Grant Applicants**
 - Current, past, and agencies who have never received funding
 - All agencies preferred multi-year funding
- **CHOICE Grant Review Team**
 - Received recommendation to support of multi-year funding
- **Reviewed MGPTF Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with CHOICE grant program**
- **Staff Capacity**
 - Increased leadership role with state-wide efforts
 - Additional special projects related to MGPTF Strategic Plan

Research Results cont...

- **Focus group with MGPTF Operational Team to assess a one-year versus a two-year funding cycle**
 - Increased assessment of long term impacts - evidence of behavior change, academic improvement
 - Increased health of agency
 - Increased resources towards direct services
 - A one-year cycle decreases the number of applicants due to staff capacity

Recommendation

- **Staff recommends a two-year funding cycle contingent upon the following:**
 - Satisfactory performance of work;
 - Compliance with contract obligations;
 - Completion of the required outcomes by funded agencies; and
 - Available funds.