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AB 1454: Youth Reinvestment Grant

SUMMARY

Assembly Bill (AB) 1454 makes several technical changes to the Youth Reinvestment Grant, allowing non-profit entities to apply for grants, increasing the maximum size of grants and other changes that ensure grant efficiency.

BACKGROUND

Existing law establishes the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program, which is administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. This program provides funds, upon appropriation, to local jurisdictions and Indian tribes for the purpose of implementing culturally relevant trauma-informed diversion programs for minors.

In its first year of implementation over 30 cities and counties in California received funding from the Youth Reinvestment Grant to fund diversion programs for “at-promise” youth.

Feedback solicited after the initial round of funding showed that increased flexibility is needed for jurisdictions where local governments have less capacity to apply for funds. Further, in some jurisdictions the existing cap of \$1 million per grant was a significant barrier to applications. Without these changes, many of our “at-promise” youth are not receiving necessary diversion services.

With the 2019-2020 budget expanding the total Youth Reinvestment Grants funding to \$53.3 million, it is necessary to ensure the program will run efficiently and benefit as many of our youth as possible. AB 1454 proposes various changes to the grant language which includes increasing the maximum award amount to \$2 million. As a result, the application process will be more inclusive.

THIS BILL

AB 1454 allows non-profit organizations to directly apply for grants through the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program and increases the maximum award amount to \$2 million. Additionally, it makes a number of necessary technical changes to the grant program.

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