# State Crisis Intervention Program: Frequently Asked Questions

# Updated as of 3/26/25

The Judicial Council is partnering with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to administer US Department of Justice (USDOJ) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) funding. Approximately $13 million is available for California courts responding to a second Request For Proposals (RFP) released on 3/18/24. The first round of funding under this initiative was awarded to six courts who applied in 2024.

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, Byrne SCIP provides funds to implement “state crisis intervention court proceedings” including mental health courts, drug courts, treatment mandated felony courts, veteran treatment courts and related programs or initiatives that work to restrict firearms from those who pose a threat to themselves or others.

# Can a court that received funding in the first round of applications apply to have the same program extended during this second round? Application to extend and enhance the current proposal.

The agreements for initial Byrne SCIP grantees awarded with the first round of funding currently end on August 31, 2026. We expect to receive final confirmation from BSCC in mid-April that all current grantees will receive an extension of their awards making their new contract end date August 31, 2027.

We are currently confirming with BSCC, but we believe we will be allowed to let first round grantees request additional funds. However, the funding available would be limited to leftover funding from the first round awards. If a first round awardee wishes to expand or enhance their current program with more funding, please indicate in your proposal how you plan to complement your existing efforts and what funds you wish to add to your current budget to do so. We will also be reviewing the court’s current invoices to ensure funds are being spent at a pace consistent with their original budget proposal and that the court was able to submit complete progress and data reports for the April 1 due date.

1. **If a court has already received SCIP funding for one or more of the court types that were eligible for the first round of funding, does that prevent them from applying to this round for another collaborative court type? For example, if a county received funds during the first round for its Veteran’s Treatment Court. Can they apply during this second round to fund a drug treatment court?**

Yes, per the answer to the question above, we do expect we will be able to add to current grantee contracts with funds left over from the Round 1 allocation. If your court wishes to expand or enhance the current program, by adding another collaborative court type, please indicate in your proposal how you will do that as a complement to your existing efforts and what funds you wish to add to your current budget to do so. Keep in mind that the data collection and reporting requirements apply to all activities proposed.

1. **If the county wishes to extend its program that was funded during the first round AND apply to fund another program type, should the county submit one joint application or two separate applications (one for extension and one for additional court)? Two separate proposals would be easier to write**.

We expect one-year extension requests to be approved without need for any kind of new proposal from the court. If your court wants to request additional funds, please indicate in your proposal how you will do that as a complement to your existing efforts and what funds you wish to add to your current budget to do so.

# What if a current grantee from round one would like to extend their time for current spending?

BSCC is in the process of requesting a one-year extension from the USDOJ for round one grantees to spend the money they’ve already been granted. We hope to have final confirmation of that extension in mid-April.

1. **If a round one recipient county proposes to extend its existing funded program, does the county also need to expand the existing program to include a new component(s)?**

No. See answer above about extensions for first round grantees.

1. **Are courts required to partner with a law enforcement agency? If so, is there a certain percentage of funding that must go to law enforcement, like the CFCC grant?**

Law enforcement partnership is not required and there is no specific dollar amount that must be subgranted to a law enforcement partner. However, identifying persons with existing firearm prohibitions and following up on relinquishment as needed does require some type of law enforcement participation. How those activities will be accomplished should be detailed in proposals.

1. **I received an email from one of the networks saying that most of the federal funding grants have been cancelled. Is that true?**

The Judicial Council has not received any indication that Byrne SCIP Grant funding will be withdrawn. We are currently under contract with BSCC to operate two rounds of funding through September 30, 2027.

1. **These funds are supposed to end September 2027. Is an extension, to exhaust the funding, possible?**

There is no guarantee of extension for the round two funds, at this time.

1. **We have a “Recovery Court”, which hears some cases that would go to a Drug Court in other counties. Given the size of calendars and populations, the county cannot create an entirely new collaborative court. Can the county submit a proposal to add a line to the existing Recovery Court with this funding?**

Yes, the court can propose to expand an existing collaborative court type program. The proposal should address how exactly the funds requested will expand the current efforts and how the court will handle the other required program components.

1. **If we are a first round grantee and would like to reallocate funding within our budget, is there a maximum amount we can move without submitting a budget modification?**

There can be a 10% variance in any budget line item. However, if the variance is greater than 10%, we would have to discuss a budget modification and seek approval.

1. **Is this RFP funding (round two) different than round one?**

Yes. Approximately $4,000,000 is left over from round one and is available to round one grantees during this new application period.

1. **If round one grantees want to request new, additional funding, do we follow the April 18, 2025 deadline of the RFP and same requirements?**

Yes, round one grantees can apply for the RFP requesting new funding and must follow the current guidelines in the RFP.

1. **Does the bulk of the money need to go to supporting the firearms relinquishment component?**

BSCC expects funds to support firearms relinquishment procedures but also allows flexibility for other collaborative court enhancements.

1. **If an LEA in our county has applied for SCIP funding, can the court propose to enhance that work with this grant?**

Yes, as long as the proposed enhancement falls within the scope of this RFP.

1. **Who should we contact if we have any further questions?**

Please contact Aaron Jang at Aaron.Jang@jud.ca.gov with any questions. We will make ourselves available for anyone with a question.