



AGENDA ITEM: 26-19
DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2026
ACTION:
INFORMATION:

**RATIFY THE ACTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE RELATED GRANT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER (FEC) PLANNING GRANT
[UP TO \$6,000,000 – PROP 64 FUNDS; UP TO \$20,000 – FEC PLANNING GRANT]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Staff requests that the Commission ratify the action of the Chair and Vice Chair authorizing submission of the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant application, and authorize the Executive Director to accept any resulting grant awards, including the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Planning Grant, and execute associated agreements and required administrative actions within the scope of the approved applications and awarded funding amounts.

BACKGROUND

Past Commission practice has been to authorize the Executive Director to submit grant applications when timelines require action in advance of a Commission meeting, and to provide delegated authority for the execution of application materials and related actions without requiring further Commission action. In July 2016, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to submit a local dental pilot project application to the California Department of Health Care Services and execute the necessary application and actions without further action of the Commission. In March 2017, the Commission ratified the action of the Chair and Vice Chair authorizing the Executive Director to submit a notice of acceptance for the Dental Transformation Initiative and further authorized execution of the agreement and related implementation documents, contracts, budget adjustments, amendments and other necessary actions without requiring further action of the Commission. The Commission also previously authorized the Executive Director to submit a Letter of Intent and applications for First 5 California IMPACT and to execute the necessary application and actions without requiring further action of the Commission.

These proposals build on existing county infrastructure and strategic priorities and do not create new standalone programs.

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) released Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program Cohort 4 application, and proposals were due on March 30, 2026, which occurred prior to the next regular Commission meeting. Because of that timing, the Chair and Vice Chair authorized submission of the application on March 26, 2026, and the application was submitted on March 30, 2026, as fiscal lead for a county partnership with Riverside University Health System - Public Health and the Department of Public Social Services. The proposed project builds on existing county infrastructure, including Family Resource Centers, RivCoONE/RivCoConnect referral pathways, Whole Person Health Score screening, public health education capacity, and Harmony Haven stabilization services, to implement a cannabis prevention and early intervention continuum across early childhood, adolescence, and highest acuity foster youth. The required project work plan identifies three integrated goals: reducing cannabis-related risk for prenatal-to-8 children through caregiver protective factors and early identification; reducing cannabis-related harm among adolescents and transition-age youth through education, safe storage messaging, and epidemiology; and reducing cannabis-related risk for highest-acuity foster youth through trauma-informed wellness supports and coordinated referral pathways. First 5 Riverside County will serve as fiscal lead and will be responsible for grant administration, compliance, and subcontract oversight in alignment with state requirements.

Separately, Riverside County has been identified for a Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Planning Grant through the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. The proposed effort would support planning activities to design a countywide financial empowerment model, with strong alignment to Family Resource Centers as access points for families. The planning grant would not establish a new standalone program but instead assess integration with existing county infrastructure and partnerships. Staff are coordinating with the Treasurer-Tax Collector and other county partners to determine the appropriate governance and implementation structure prior to execution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Ratify the action of the Chair and Vice Chair authorizing submission of Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program application to the Board of State and Community Corrections;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to accept any grant awards resulting from Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program and the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Planning Grant;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute grant agreements and all necessary contracts, memoranda of understanding, documents, budget adjustments, amendments, assurances, certifications, and related administrative actions required to implement the awarded funding on behalf of the Commission, without requiring further action of the Commission, consistent with the approved grant scope and within the awarded funding amounts, including execution of the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Planning Grant memorandum of understanding, subject to County Counsel review; and
4. Direct staff to return to the Commission with informational updates on award status and implementation, as appropriate.

BUDGET IMPACT

No Net Prop 10 Cost. If awarded, revenues and corresponding appropriations will be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budget through standard budget adjustment processes. Until award notification is received, there is no current budget impact. For Proposition 64 program, Riverside County as a large county applicant may request up to \$6 million. The Financial Empowerment Center Planning Grant provides up to \$20,000 in one-time planning funds and does not create ongoing fiscal obligations.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 2 – Comprehensive Health and Development (92945)

Goal Area 3 - Resilient Families (92960)

Goal Area 4 – Countywide Impact (92980)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposition 64 Grant submission project description
2. Proposition 64 Grant submission proposed budget
3. Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Planning Grant Award Memorandum of Understanding