



Organized Retail Theft Prevention and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs: **Scoring Panel Seeking Membership**

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is seeking members to serve on a Scoring Panel for the Organized Retail Theft Prevention and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs.

About the Organized Retail Theft and Vertical Prosecution Grant Program

The Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program provides funding to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. The BSCC anticipates that a total of \$255 million, or \$85 million per year, will be available across the next three fiscal years for programmatic and administrative purposes to implement the grant program. Click [here](#) for the authorizing State Budget Act language.

The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program provides funding to district attorneys for the purpose of addressing increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model. The BSCC anticipates a total of \$30 million, \$10 million per year, will be available across the next three fiscal years for programmatic and administrative purposes to implement the grant program. Click [here](#) for the authorizing State Budget Act language.

One Scoring Panel will be convened to assist with reading and scoring the proposals for both the Organized Retail Theft and Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs as they are closely tied together.

Interested in Participating on the Scoring Panel?

The BSCC is forming Scoring Panel that reflects California's diverse population in terms of perspectives, backgrounds, professional expertise, life experiences, and geographical representation. For this Scoring Panel, BSCC is seeking individuals with relevant work experience and/or knowledge of the organized retail theft operations occurring around California, to include law enforcement, district attorneys, retailers, community advocates, etc. Prior experience on a BSCC Executive Steering Committee or Scoring Panel is not required.

Scoring Panel Responsibilities

There are important responsibilities and considerations that you must review before determining whether you can serve on this Scoring Panel, such as:

- Time commitment;
- Conflict of Interest Laws;
- Financial Reporting Requirements; and
- Ethics Training

Please review full Roles and Responsibility information at: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccexecutivesteeringcommittees/.

As a member of the Scoring Panel, you will participate in a proposal rating training, and then individually read and score the proposals that are submitted to develop award recommendations for BSCC Board approval.

Individuals interested in serving on the Organized Retail Theft Scoring Panel should be prepared to attend a minimum of two (2) half-day online meetings, via Zoom). If needed, additional meetings may be scheduled to ensure key activities are completed. Proposals for this grant are due by July 7, 2023, so we expect to convene the Scoring Panel in late July or early August.

How to Submit a Statement of Interest

If after reviewing this information, you determine that you would be able to serve on the Scoring Panel, please submit an email with the subject line "ORT Scoring Panel Statement of Interest" to ORT@bscc.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Your name
- Title (if applicable)
- The name of the agency or organization you represent (if applicable)
- Your telephone number
- Your email address
- The geographical part of California you represent

Attach to the email a Word document that contains your Statement of Interest (no more than one page). In the Statement of Interest, please address how your professional and/or life experiences will help the BSCC meet its diversity (e.g., perspectives, backgrounds, geographical representation, etc.) and subject matter expertise goals.

Once you have sent the email, you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt of your submission. A representative from BSCC will contact you shortly thereafter.