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Introduction

On February 24, 2023, the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) facilitated a planning meeting with the newly formed Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB) to initiate the conception of Montana's FY2023 –FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Strategic Plan. The CIAB is made up of knowledgeable professionals including, but not limited to, law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victim services, and legal counsel. MBCC staff coordinated with the CIAB to develop revised program and budget plans, resulting in funding priorities for FY2022 - FY2023 Byrne SCIP funds. On March 16, 2023, the MBCC in conjunction with the CIAB, voted and adopted the FY2023 – FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Strategic Plan.

Following the award of FY2024 Byrne SCIP funding, the CIAB revisited the priorities outlined in the initial Strategic Plan. They also considered the evolving landscape of gun-related violence in Montana. Based on these discussions, the CIAB revised the Strategic Plan to address these challenges effectively, adopting the revised plan on June 5, 2025.

Crisis Intervention Advisory Board

Montana's Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB) was formed predominantly from members of the already existing Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC). MBCC is designated by statute as the Governor's single state administering agency (SAA) that manages millions of grant dollars dedicated for public safety, crime prevention and victim assistance.

The mission of the Board of Crime Control is to proactively contribute to public safety, crime prevention, and victim assistance through planning, policy development, and coordination of the justice system in partnership with citizens, government, and communities.

MBCC was established in 1968 in response to the 1968 Safe Streets Act and is headed by an eighteen-member Board appointed by the Governor. Board members represent, including but not limited to, law enforcement, criminal and juvenile justice system stakeholders, victims' professionals, and citizens, including tribal entities.

The MBCC has been responsible for significant improvements to Montana's justice system. Not only does the Board strive to improve the justice system, the Board is also a forum for the discussion of ideas and innovation within the justice system.

The MBCC as the oversight body performing as the CIAB, will inform and guide the Byrne SCIP-related court-based, behavioral health deflection, and gun safety and violence reduction programs and initiatives.

Current CIAB members are:

- **Leo Dutton**, Sheriff & Coroner, Lewis and Clark County; MBCC and CIAB Chair; Representing Law Enforcement
- **Bryan Gootkin**, Director, Montana Department of Corrections; Representing Law Enforcement
- **Kaydee Snipes Ruiz**, District Court Judge, 12th Judicial District; Representing Judiciary and Courts
- **Amy Tenney**, Chief Executive Officer, Boyd Andrew Community Services; Representing Corrections Treatment Programs and Behavioral Health Providers
- **Shantelle Gaynor**, Director, Missoula County Community Justice Department; Representing Victims Services
- **Rick Kirn**, Fort Peck Tribal Member and Rural Montana Representative; MBCC Vice Chair; Representing Tribal Government and Community
- **Laurie Barron**, Superintendent, Evergreen School District; Representing Educators
- **Eric Bryson**, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties; Representing Public and Community
- **Amanda Littlesun**, DV Program Direction, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council; Representing Tribal, Victims Services, and Public
- **Meaghan Mulcahy**, Data Control, Department of Labor and Industry; Representing Public and Community
- **Amanda Myers**, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Representing Prosecution and Legal Counsel
- **Brett Schandelson**, Director, Office of State Public Defender; Representing Legal Counsel
- **Scott Twito**, Yellowstone County Attorney; Representing Legal Counsel
- **Robert Weber**, Chief of Police, Glasgow Police Department; Representing Law Enforcement
- **Andrea Bethel**, Captain, Missoula Probation & Parole; Representing Probation & Parole
- **Dave McAlpin**, Court Administrator, Montana Court Administrator's Office; Representing Courts
- **Jason Johnson**, Administrator, Gambling Control Division; Representing Attorney General, Designee
- **Matt Kuntz**, Executive Director, NAMI Montana; Representing Public and Behavioral Health

Montana's Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

Montana's Byrne SCIP program is designed to provide funding for and/or implementation of crisis intervention programs, specialized court-based programs, and gun violence reduction programs and initiatives, as authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022. Montana has no Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws in effect therefore, the CIAB will not pursue any types of ERPO programs.

As a part of the strategic planning process, the CIAB identified priority program initiatives to be funded initially with FY2022 – FY2023 Byrne SCIP funds and subsequently with FY 2024 Byrne SCIP funds. The CIAB may consider all programs aligning with Byrne SCIP, however, priority consideration will be given to programs aligning with CIAB goals and objectives below. Sorted by funding categories, prioritized programs to be funded are:

State Share (60%)

<u>Goals</u>	<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Timelines</u>
1) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to initiate and support School Resource Officer (SRO) training programs.	1) To support SRO training related to gun violence and mental health. 2) To support SRO training related to high-risk youth and youth in crisis. 3) To support training to build SRO programs in communities and schools.	2023 – 2027
2) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to initiate and support school and community-based mental health programs with a youth focus.	1) To support programs related to high-risk youth and youth in crisis. 2) To support evidence-based or best practice programs addressing this goal.	2023 – 2027
3) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to initiate and support gun violence intervention and suicide prevention programs.	1) To support programs related to safe firearm storage. 2) To support programs related to communication, education and public awareness of suicide.	2025-2027

Required Local Pass-Through (Direct)

Goals	Objectives	Timelines
1) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to support law enforcement and first responder training.	1) To support training for LE and first responders related to behavioral health deflection, de-escalation and intervention. 2) To support training for LE and first responders related to resiliency and trauma-informed care.	2025- 2027
2) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to initiate and support School Resource Officer (SRO) training programs.	1) To support SRO training related to gun violence and mental health. 3) To support SRO training related to high-risk youth and youth in crisis. 4) To support training to build SRO programs in communities and schools.	2023 – 2027
3) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds to initiate co-responder training programs.	1) To support police-based intervention that pairs trained police officers with mental health professionals. 2) To train police paired with mental health providers responding to incidents involving individuals experiencing behavioral health crises. 3) To train police paired with mental health providers responding to sexual and domestic violence incidents.	2023 – 2027

Required Local Pass-Through (<\$10,000)

Goals	Objectives	Timelines
1) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds for treatment court acceptance and addressing of violent offenders while helping to mitigate gun violence programs.	1) To support mental health treatment for violent offenders in treatment court. 2) To support gun mitigation programs for violent offenders in treatment court.	2023 - 2027
2) Prioritize Byrne SCIP funds for treatment court acceptance of domestic violence victims ending up in court due to committing crimes programs.	1) To support mental health treatment for domestic violence victims in treatment court. 2) To support emergency housing programs for domestic violence victims in treatment court.	2023 – 2027

Funding Levels to Support Funding Priorities

Taking into consideration the Byrne SCIP priority program initiatives with goals and objectives above, the CIAB designated the following State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 - SFY 2027 Byrne SCIP funding levels for program priorities, as funding allows:

<u>Funding Category</u>	<u>State Fiscal Years</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
State Share (60%)	2024 – 2025	\$693,765 to programs supporting the goals and objectives listed above.	Competitive application process. Anticipated sub-grant project periods 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025.
Required Local Pass-Through (Direct)	2024 - 2025	\$387,905 to programs supporting the goals	Competitive application process. Anticipated sub-grant project

		and objectives listed above.	periods 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025.
Required Local Pass-Through (<\$10,000)	2024 - 2025	\$167,107 to programs supporting the goals and objectives listed above.	Competitive application process. Anticipated sub-grant project periods 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025.
<u>Funding Category</u>	<u>State Fiscal Years</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
State Share (60%)	2026 – 2027	\$406,176 to programs supporting the goals and objectives listed above.	Competitive application process and/or SAA contracted projects. Anticipated sub-grant project periods 1/1/2026 – 9/30/27.
Required Local Pass-Through (Direct)	2026 - 2027	\$240,247 to programs supporting the goals and objectives listed above.	Competitive application process. Anticipated sub-grant project periods 1/1/2026 – 9/30/27.
Required Local Pass-Through (<\$10,000)	2026 - 2027	\$84,694 to programs supporting the goals and objectives listed above.	Competitive application process. Anticipated sub-grant project periods 1/1/2026 – 9/30/27.

Subgrant Award Process and Timeline

Sub-grantee applications will be requested by the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) through a competitive Funding Opportunity process. Upon receipt of proposals, MBCC staff will conduct an initial screening of each proposal to check for completeness of the application. A minimum of three MBCC staff, including the program manager and fiscal staff, review the applications and summarize their findings to the Application Review Committee (ARC), a subcommittee of the Board, for their recommendations. Immediately following review of the applications, a notice is sent to the applicant agencies with Committee recommendations that are presented to the full MBCC, which by virtue of its makeup, will also be the CIAB.

Before awards may be released, all subawards require specific prior approval from the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), post award. Once MBCC/CIAB receives BJA subaward approval, they will review the Committee's recommendations and make final award decisions. Each applicant receives either an award notice and package, or a denial letter. All sub-grant programs are closely monitored by the MBCC program and fiscal managers through periodic phone calls, emails and other correspondence, quarterly reporting, desk audits and on-site monitoring visits. Sub-grant project periods are normally for a two-year period. All sub-grant projects are expected to be completed and Byrne SCIP funds expended by September 30, 2027.

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