

*MSBF Project Grant Committee*

*Staff Recommendations*

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## **CAN Council**

### ***A Task Force to Protect Children***

**Amount Requested:** \$20,000

**Amount Recommended:** Up to \$20,000 based on real costs.

#### **Summary:**

The CAN (Child Abuse and Neglect) Council requests \$20,000 to launch and train a new multidisciplinary task force focused on identifying and responding to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) across four counties. The project funds a two-day training conference for law enforcement, prosecutors, CPS, medical professionals, and MDT partners, with the goal of improving regional protocols and collaboration to better identify and protect victims.

Staff recommends full funding with stipulation that reimbursement be based on actual, verified costs. The proposal represents a new, short-term, innovative training initiative aligned with MSBF priorities.

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## **Legal Aid and Defender Association**

### ***Veterans Legal Clinic***

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000

**Amount Recommended:** \$0

#### **Summary:**

LADA seeks \$50,000 to expand its existing legal services for Veterans by increasing onsite assistance at medical facilities and adding a Veteran-to-Veteran pro bono component. MSBF's annual legal aid grantees provide legal assistance to veterans.

Staff do not recommend funding. The proposal largely extends an established service model rather than introducing short-term, innovative, or project-specific work. The request functions more like general operating support to expand an ongoing program and also duplicates services being provided.

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