

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Prop 47 Local Advisory Committee recruitment open

Applicants have until March 3, 2025 to submit applications

FEB. 25, 2025 — The City of Bakersfield is establishing a Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) and is currently recruiting individuals to fill three (3) community member seats, to be selected by the inaugural board. The selected community members will join the LAC's 15-member board, serving the committee through Dec. 31, 2028.

The LAC provides recommendations to City staff regarding the implementation of the Proposition 47 Grant Program but does not have decision-making authority over operations or funding allocations. The Proposition 47 Grant Program, detailed in Attachment A, addresses homelessness through targeted interventions. The proposal aligns with Proposition 47's goals of rehabilitation and restorative justice, focusing on three main objectives: addressing the parole to homeless pipeline, strengthening supportive services, and increasing transitions to permanent housing. Key strategies include intensive case management and warm handoff reentry services for individuals with a history of mental health and substance use disorders. The project emphasizes comprehensive support through mental health services, substance use treatment, and pre-arrest diversion. The proposed initiative aims to address homelessness by supporting reintegration and providing individualized care, moving away from punitive measures.

Committee Member Responsibilities

Members of the committee will provide advisory input on the program's implementation, helping to identify challenges and recommend service improvements. The LAC plays a crucial role in advising City staff by identifying challenges, shaping service delivery recommendations, and offering insights to maximize the impact of the grant. However, the LAC serves solely in an advisory capacity and does not have decision-making authority over program operations or funding allocations.

Qualifications and Commitment

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to meaningful change in our community. We are seeking candidates who are passionate about serving this vulnerable population and can contribute their professional and/or personal experiences to help guide the LAC in an advisory capacity. We encourage individuals with lived experience, service providers, advocates, and other stakeholders to apply and be part of this important work. Members shall be at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the City of Bakersfield. Additional information can be found in Attachment B.

This is a voluntary, unpaid position requiring a time commitment of 1–2 hours every other month for meetings. Meetings are typically held at the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative Office, though the venue may vary.

Application Process

To apply, please fill out the Application for Appointment. Application packets are available at the City

Clerk's Office at City Hall North (1600 Truxtun Avenue), 1st floor, and on the City's website. Completed packets should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. To be considered in this initial recruitment, the committee member application is **due March 3, 2025**.

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PROPOSITION 47 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Attachment A

What is the Proposition 47 Grant Program?

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot that reduced specified low-level drug and property crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Each year, the state savings generated by the implementation of Proposition 47 are deposited into the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. Sixty-five percent of these savings are set aside annually for the BSCC to administer a competitive grant program.

Proposition 47 requires that these funds be awarded to public agencies to provide mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and/or diversion programs for those in the criminal justice system. Additional legislation (AB 1056, Chap. 438, Stats. of 2015) requires that the grants be awarded competitively, specifies that funds may serve both adults and juveniles and allows funds to be used for housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management or civil legal services. The BSCC further requires that at least 50 percent of the award made to grantees is passed through to community-based service providers.

PROPOSITION 47 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Attachment B

Recruitment & Criteria Summary of Potential Shared Responsibilities

The following criteria will be used in recruiting potential members for the Local Advisory Committee (LAC). Candidates do not need to meet all criteria; however, a combination of several of these qualities may indicate a strong alignment with the Proposition 47 Grant Program's mission and future direction.

- Passion for the LAC's mission—a demonstrated commitment to addressing homelessness through rehabilitation, restorative justice, and supportive services.
- An interest in/passion for strengthening communities—helping to create safer, healthier neighborhoods through intervention and support services.
- Leadership experience—whether through professional roles, volunteer work, or collaboration with community partners in the City of Bakersfield.
- Connections with diverse communities within the City of Bakersfield, ensuring a broad and inclusive perspective.
- A wide range of experiences—both professional and lived experience related to homelessness, reentry services, mental health, and substance use support.

People who work, volunteer, and/or advocate in any of the following areas:

- Homeless services and outreach
- Criminal justice and reentry programs
- Behavioral health and substance use treatment
- Housing access and supportive housing initiatives
- Social services and case management
- Public health and community well-being

People who have familiarity with any of the basics of:

- People who understand key issues affecting the homeless population, including barriers to housing, healthcare, and employment
- Trauma-informed care and service coordination
- Workforce development and job training for vulnerable populations
- Crisis response and intervention strategies

Summary of Shared Responsibilities of Committee Members

LAC members serve in an advisory-only capacity, providing recommendations and insights to City staff on the implementation of the Proposition 47 Grant Program. While members engage in discussions and offer input on program strategies, they do not have decision-making authority. The goal of the LAC is to facilitate constructive dialogue, identify challenges, and propose solutions that align with the program's mission. Additionally, LAC members may contribute to discussions on potential action plans and long-term strategic priorities, ensuring that recommendations balance community needs and grant objectives.

Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee

The Proposition 47 Local Advisory Committee (Prop 47 LAC) is an advisory body to City staff regarding the implementation of Prop 47 Grant Program. It is composed of 18 members, with three community members chosen by the inaugural board.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Resolution No. 020-2025

TERM: Three years. LAC will remain in place for six months following the grand funding period through December 31, 2028.

QUALIFICATIONS: Members must be residents of the City throughout their term and at least 18 years old.

DUTIES: Provide recommendations to City staff regarding the implementation of the Proposition 47 Grant Program addressing homelessness through targeted interventions.

MEETINGS: Every other month at the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative Office at 5405 Stockdale Highway

REMUNERATION: None

STAFF: City Manager's Office
1600 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 326-3751

AN OATH OF OFFICE IS REQUIRED.

PROPOSITION 47 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBMIT TO:

CITY CLERK
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Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 326-3767 Phone No.
(661) 323-3780 Fax No.
city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us

CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY:

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
RESIDENT: YES NO

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**CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

1. Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Ms. _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
2. Residence address: _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
3. Confirmation that applicant is at least 18 years of age. (check one)
1) Yes _____
2) No _____
4. Business Title or Occupation: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
5. Education - List schools attended and/or graduated/degree(s):

6. Other Special Training or Experience:

7. Previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

8. Please explain why you wish to serve on a Board/Commission for the City of Bakersfield:

9. Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest? If yes, please explain:

Please attach your resume, and any additional information or statements which you feel would be helpful in reviewing your qualifications.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that in connection with this application for appointment, the information contained herein will be made available to the general public upon request.

Signature of Applicant

Date

INFORMATION FOR

CITY ROSTER AND INTERNET

Please provide the City Clerk's Office with the following information:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: _____

AND/OR

WORK: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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If appointed, this information will be printed in the **Roster of Councilmembers and Officials, Commissions/Committees**. In addition, this information will be provided on the City's Internet site at www.bakersfieldcity.us.

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