



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

No Cost Extension for the Justice Mental Health Collaborative Program (JMHCP) Grant

Presenter:

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Description:

Request for a Chair letter to submit to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a project period extension (No Cost Extension) due to a more than 6-month delay in authorization to spend at the onset of the project. This will permit the project to continue operations, funding the Co-Responder team, and complete the research aspect.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting a No Cost Extension of the grant and authorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Manager to submit the request electronically in Justgrants.gov.

Prior Board Motions:

11/10/2020: Approved the online/digital acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020) grant award.

5/25/2021: Approved unanticipated funds upon approval to spend from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Fiscal Note:

Note: the tentative amount of funding available for the No Cost Extension is an estimate and will be finalized prior to sending this letter after the third quarter Federal Financial Report is prepared and submitted in mid-July 2023.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) has brought together many stakeholders both Public and Private to better the identification and treatment of those living with behavioral health concerns who come into contact with the Criminal Justice system. In 2017, the first grant was awarded and provided a process analysis and strategic plan submitted to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC). This plan created a Sub-Committee for the PSCC to monitor the JMHCP activities. Grant 2 embedded a Clinician in Law Enforcement by funding a Co-Responder team in partnership between Gainesville Police Department and Meridian Behavioral. JMHCP also

moved the concept of a Central Receiving System to reality. JMHCP earned Alachua County the 38th Stepping Up “Innovator County” status in the nation. We seek to continue and advance these good works.