



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Byrne Grant Application-Local Solicitation Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 23) and Countywide Solicitation Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22)

Presenter:

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Description:

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and FDLE (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) have each announced their respective Byrne Grant applications. For the DOJ (Local Solicitation), the Sheriff is requesting the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to submit an application on the County's behalf to apply for funding for the Byrne Grant Application-Local Solicitation. The Sheriff will be requesting funding for equipment and supplies not budgeted.

For the Countywide Program FDLE application, the Sheriff is requesting the Board of County Commissioners approve moving forward with the application, which includes accepting serving as the coordinating unit of local government.

Recommended Action:

1. DOJ Local Solicitation: Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to apply for the \$73,335 allocated to the County for the Local Solicitation and authorize the Chair to sign all forms related to the application and subsequent award and acceptance of funds.
2. Countywide Program FDLE: Authorize the Chair to sign the Certificate of Participation to serve as the coordinating unit of government for the grant process and designating the Sheriff, or his designee, to serve as the County Coordinator.

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Note:

There are no matching funds required.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

This item consists of two grants. The Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Program, Local Solicitation, herein referred to as the Local Solicitation and the FDLE 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Countywide subgrant, herein referred to as the Countywide. The Local Solicitation program is a direct local allocation to the local government from the Bureau of Justice. The Countywide subgrant is the allocation through FDLE from the State of Florida's Byrne Grant allocation. Both grants are allocated/awarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). The local solicitation requires a direct application to the DOJ, via the JustGrants portal to apply for the funding. The Countywide grant requires the BoCC follow a process that complies with 11D-9.005(a) F.A.C. to apply. To comply, the BoCC created the Byrne Grant Advisory Board to review proposals and provide funding recommendations to the BoCC. Subsequent to the BoCC approving the projects, FDLE is notified via the "51% letter", and each entity with an approved project applies separately to FDLE. Typically, the Sheriff's Office coordinates the Byrne Advisory Board process with the Clerk of Court, who sits as the Chair of the Byrne Advisory Board