

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court  
Lowndes County DUI Court- State Court

DATE OF MEETING: June 13, 2017

BUDGET IMPACT: \$29,260

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Regular Meeting
- Work Session
- Recommendation
- Policy/Discussion
- Report
- Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court Grant

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of \$104,215; with a 10% match requirement by the County in the amount of \$11,579. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total \$29,260 (\$11,579 match + \$17,681) for the 2017-2018 grant period as the grant only pays for a portion of the Court Coordinator's salary and benefits. The Court requests that the shortfall be paid by the DATE funds that are generated from fines and fees collected by the State Court of Lowndes County. The authorizing Georgia Law code section O.C.G.A. 15-21-101(b)(3) states "Moneys collected pursuant to this article and placed in the "County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund" shall be expended by the governing authority of the county for which the fund is established solely and exclusively (3) if an operating under the influence court division has been established in the county under Code Section 15-1-19, for the purposes of the operating under the influence court division." In 2016, Lowndes County State Court brought in \$61,236 in DATE funds. As of March 31, 2017, the Lowndes County State Court has collected \$22,066.75 in DATE funds.

The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and currently has a total of 19 participants in the program and anticipates growing to 25 participants by the end of the year. As of May 31, 2017, the DUI court has already saved the taxpayers a total of \$134,100 in incarceration costs.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

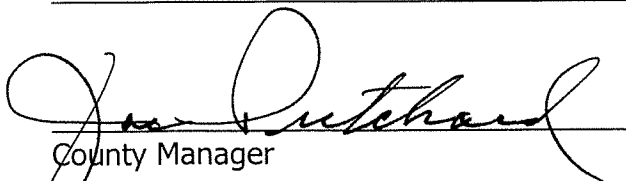
DEPARTMENT: County Manager

Department Head: Joe Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_