

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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

DATE OF MEETING: June 22, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$39,135

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: DUI Court Accountability Grant

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 **\$109,888**; with a 10% match requirement by the County in the amount of **\$12,210**. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total **\$39,135** for the 2021-2022 grant period as the grant only pays for a portion of the salary and benefits of the surveillance officer's contract salary. Additionally, the grant is only covering a portion of the treatment costs incurred annually. The grant did not fund the random call in service for drug screens or the cost of translated documents. 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." The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and currently has a total of **29** active participants in the program and anticipate growing to 30 participants by the end of June 2021.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve
Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: State Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Judge Golden

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: