

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2022 Delinquency Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: March 22, 2022

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$41,500.00 in CJCC funding received on a reimbursement basis.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding: \$41,500.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Delinquency Prevention Grant Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) recently announced the availability of funding for the FY2022 Delinquency Prevention Grants Program. The Delinquency Prevention Grants Program provides funding for the implementation of evidence-based programs and prevention strategies for youth who are first-time offenders, diverted from the juvenile justice system, or charged with a status offense and identified as at risk.

Lowndes County Juvenile Court would like to apply for \$41,500.00, in funding to implement a single cohort of the Strengthening Families Program (SFP). This would allow them to serve up to 12 youths and their families. SFP has been utilized in the past successfully but was discontinued when funding was cut. If this request is approved for Year 1 funding, additional continuation funding, up to \$50,000 per year, would be made available to continue the program in Years 2-5. Implementation would be managed by Evidence Based Associates (EBA) who currently manage the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program that Lowndes County has been providing since 2013.

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program for high-risk and general population families that is recognized both nationally and internationally. Parents and youth attend weekly SFP skills classes together, learning parenting skills and youth life and refusal skills. They have separate class training for parents and youth the first hour, followed by a joint family practice session in the second hour.

OPTIONS: 1. Approval of application and authorization for staff to submit to the CJCC.
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: