

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

DATE OF MEETING: April 26, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$195,372.00 - CJCC Funding

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding: \$195,372.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval to submit application for FY2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Since 2014, Lowndes County has been awarded funding through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to allow the Juvenile Court to implement services for diversion of youth offenders instead of incarceration. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) has been the primary program implemented in each of these years and the Juvenile Court has requested that funds again be requested for continued implementation of the program for FY 2023. If awarded funding, Evidence Based Associates (EBA) would continue to serve as the service provider and provide program management services to ensure compliance with all reporting and programmatic requirements. A meeting was held involving Juvenile Court Judge James Council, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) staff, staff from EBA, as well as staff from the clinical service provider. During this meeting, an analysis of past trends as well as current caseloads within the Juvenile Court was conducted to determine the appropriate programs needed and to determine the amount of services needed for Lowndes County. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that Lowndes County would be best served by continuing FFT and the court should be able to support up to 36 referrals to the program during the FY 2023 period. Based on this, staff is proposing that an application be submitted requesting \$195,372.00, in funding through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program to allow for the service of 36 youths and their families.

This is a fully reimbursed grant, meaning Lowndes County is required to pay the expenses up front and receives 100% reimbursement of all grant related expenses.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve application for FY2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant and authorize staff to submit.
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: