

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2024 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

DATE OF MEETING: April 25, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$368,179.20 - Reimbursed 100% by CJCC

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Grant
Funding -
\$368,179.20
- 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 2024. 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 64 referrals to the program during the FY 2024 period. For reference, in FY 2023 we requested initial funding to serve 36 youth but as of March 31, 2023, 46 youth have already been served with a total of 58 projected to have been served by the end of the grant period. Based on this, staff is proposing that an application be submitted requesting \$368,179.20, in funding through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program to allow for the service of 64 youths and their families during FY 2024 which would run from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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 FY2024 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant, authorize Chairman to sign and authorize staff to submit.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye