

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 27 Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2026

Work
Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$42,404.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 27 Grant Award

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 **\$162,743.00**; with a 15% match requirement by the County in the amount of **\$28,719.00**. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total of **\$42,404.00** for the 2026-2027 grant period. The grant only pays a portion of the salary and benefits of the surveillance officer's contract salary. Additionally, the grant covers a portion of treatment costs, transportation, drug testing supplies, and Reconnect, the call-in service used for random drug screens or weekend drug testing incurred annually. The Court requests 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 purpose of the operating under the influence court division." The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and there have been 122 graduates from the program. Currently, there are 28 active participants in the program with a budgeted capacity of 30 participants.

Grant Required County Match — \$28,719.00

Additional County Subsidy — \$13,685.00

Total Request — \$42,404.00

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County DUI Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Judge Golden

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: