

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant  
Award

DATE OF MEETING: July 14, 2026

Work  
Session/Regular  
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$325,000 - Fully reimbursed by CJCC

FUNDING SOURCE:

- ☒ (X) CJCC Funding - \$325,000
- ☐ ( ) Capital
- ☐ ( ) N/A
- ☐ ( ) SPLOST
- ☐ ( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON:

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

At the Regular Session Meeting on April 28, 2026, the Board of Commissioners authorized the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) on behalf of the Lowndes County Juvenile Court for the FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant cycle. The application proposed continued funding for diversionary programs originally implemented in FY2014.

As part of the application process, the Board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence-Based Associates (EBA), contingent upon grant award, to provide Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services. Lowndes County has since been notified that the grant application was selected for funding.

EBA has submitted a Service Agreement outlining the scope of work, including service delivery and administrative procedures such as billing. Upon execution, EBA will continue providing FFT services to eligible youth referred by the Lowndes County Juvenile Court.

Lowndes County has been awarded \$325,000.00 for FY2027. This funding will support services for up to 50 youth and their families. The grant does not require matching funds, but is administered on a reimbursement basis. To activate the award, the execution of the Service Agreement and Award Packet by the Chairman is required.

- OPTIONS: 1. Accept the FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant award in the amount of \$325,000.00, and authorize the Chairman and appropriate staff to execute the Award Packet, including the Service Agreement with Evidence-Based Associates.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: