



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Permission to Advertise Public Hearing to consider application for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This grant provides funding in the amount of \$145,587 and does not require a local match. Cost associated with the advertisement will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office.

### **Dept/Office:**

Sheriff's Office

### **Requested Action:**

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### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) recently notified Brevard County of its intent to open the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. Brevard County is slated to receive \$145,587. Units of local government applying for this grant must use the funding for law enforcement programs.

For the last 18 years, this funding has been used for the Sheriff's Office Prisoner Transportation program. The Prisoner Transportation program provides coordinated transportation of arrestees to the county jail from the field by Brevard's Law Enforcement agencies. The program allows law enforcement agencies who find it difficult to transport arrestees to the County Jail Complex the ability to have arrestees picked up by the Sheriff's Office. This results in law enforcement officers being able to return to patrol functions more quickly and creates a safer community. Over the last 3 years, this program has transported over 17,000 arrestees and saved over 19,000 law enforcement patrol hours.

As a condition of the grant, the County and the Cities must come to a consensus on how the funds are to be used and provide a letter of support for that use. The Sheriff's Office has coordinated the support of the cities to use the funds for the Prisoner Transportation program and has received the necessary letters of support.

Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is requesting permission for the Board to participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, to designate the Sheriff's Office as the coordinating unit of government and authorize the execution of the necessary documents and budget adjustments.

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## **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Grant Application Contract/Agreement attached