



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 2574, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Permission to submit the application and Accept 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.

Dept/Office:

Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners grant permission to submit and accept the 2021 county-wide Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application; designate the Brevard County Sheriff's office as the Point of Contact and authorize the Chair to execute the necessary documents and Budget Adjustments.

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 to advertise a Public Hearing for the Board of County Commissioners to consider the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant Application. Cost associated with the advertisement will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please have Chair sign