



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commission

AGENDA DATE: 4/5/2021

FROM: John A. Peters, III, PE, Acting City Manager **AGENDA ITEM:** 11 - C

SUBJECT:

Consent - Support for the County \$144,648 expenditure of the Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20 Florida Department of Law Enforcement Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Ron A. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development Services (386) 878-8610.

Strategic Goal: Fiscal Issues - Other grants.

LOCATION:

County wide

BACKGROUND:

On February 24, 2021 the County of Volusia Community Assistance Department issued a letter to all local governments within the County, including Deltona, seeking local government support/approval of a proposed expenditure of Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20 Florida Department of Law Enforcement Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). According to grant rules the majority of all of the local governments within the County have to approve of the County proposal to move forward.

The general purpose of the JAG is to help those with substance abuse challenges who are also facing non-violent criminal charges. The goal is to break the cycle between addiction/drug use and criminal behavior. Also, the rehabilitation in some cases may help offenders avoid costly jail time. The proposal by Volusia County is to expend the \$144,648 JAG grant on a program referred to as "Adult Drug Court" administered by Stewart Marchman Act (SMA). In the past, the City has supported the use of JAG funds for both the SMA Adult Drug Court program and The House Next Door Success by Design Program. This year, because of The House Next Door COVID-19 related capacity allocations, the County proposes to spend the entire JAG funding on the SMA Adult Court Drug Program.

This program is open to and has been used by Deltona residents. The SMA Adult Drug Court is a joint partnership between a public service provider and the Criminal Court system. Since there is an extensive Court presence in the County seat of Deland, most Deltona residents served by this program will be required to travel to Deland for court dates and court ordered activities associated with SMA and the Adult Drug Court Program.

As per the attached letter from the County, the County is requesting the Mayor sign two letters of support by March 11, 2021.

The Acting City Manager has the authority to make corrections of scrivener's errors and the like.

COST:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Planning and Development Services and City Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED BY:

Ron A. Paradise, Planning and Development Services Director - Staff recommends the City Commission support and otherwise approve the proposed \$144,648.00 County allocation of Justice Assistance Grant funding for the Stewart Marchman Act Adult Drug Court program and direct the Mayor to sign the letters of support.

POTENTIAL MOTION:

"I hereby make a motion to support and otherwise approve the proposed \$144,648.00 County allocation of Justice Assistance Grant funding for the Stewart Marchman Act Adult Drug Court program and direct the Mayor to sign the letters of support. The Acting City Manager has the authority to make corrections of scrivener's errors and the like."