

Meeting Date
09/01/2015



AGENDA	
Section	Consent
Item No.	II.D.S

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Permission to Participate in and Accept the FDLE Fiscal Year 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
DEPT/OFFICE:	Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners grant permission to participate in and accept the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; designate the Brevard County Sheriff's Office as the point of contact; authorize the Chairman to execute the grant documents, letter of support and any necessary budget amendments

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) recently notified Brevard County of its intent to open the FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. Brevard County is slated to receive \$136,112. Units of local government applying for this grant must use funding for law enforcement programs.

For the last 10 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 police officers being able to return to patrol functions more quickly and creates a safer community. Over the last 3 years, this program transported over 10,000 arrestees and saved over 9,000 law enforcement patrol hours. In the current year, the Sheriff's Office is receiving an award of \$136,112 in grant funding from FDLE for this program, which is scheduled to end on September 30, 2015.

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 already begun receiving the letters of support from them.

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.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract / Agreement (If attached):		Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	PR <input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Frank Abbate	Department Director / Extension			
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo				



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September 2, 2015

Honorable Wayne Ivey
Brevard County Sheriff
700 South Park Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780

Re: Item II.D.5., Permission to Participate In and Accept Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Fiscal Year 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Dear Sheriff Ivey:

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 1, 2015, granted permission to participate in and acceptance of the FDLE Fiscal Year 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; designated the Brevard County Sheriff's Office as the point of contact; and authorized the Chairman to execute the grant documents, Letter of Support, and any necessary budget amendments.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

✓ Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Commissioner Fisher
Finance
Budget