



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#24-0753**

---

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Proposed Use of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Project Funding as Requested by Broward County -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

---

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the proposed use of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) project funding as requested by Broward County.

**Background**

The goal of the JAG Program, as administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), is to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG program provides funds to local and tribal units of government as well as state criminal justice agencies, to enhance initiatives in their jurisdiction.

In the spring, OJP releases the annual state JAG program solicitation and funding allocations. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Office of Criminal Justice Grants (OCJG) prepares a comprehensive application and submits it on behalf of the State of Florida. OJP reviews the application and issues a federal award for OCJG to pass-through to local and state criminal justice partners. Once the state's award is approved and accepted, and all conditions are met, OCJG begins administering awards as either JAG Countywide (JAGC) or JAG Direct (JAGD).

The JAGC program represents approximately 85% of Florida's total federal award and is subdivided into two parts - state share and local share. Using population and crime statistics, the local share is divided among Florida's 67 counties through a formula-based funding matrix. Each county is responsible for completing the local strategic planning process and providing notification to OCJG of proposed projects. Broward County proposes to use their allocation of JAGC funding in support of various projects to include upgrades to the Juvenile Assessment Center Facility and to acquire computer equipment for County's Homeless Outreach Program. In accordance with Rule 11D-9.005, units of government receiving JAGC funds must reach a written consensus on the use of those funds. The county needs letters from 51% of affected units of government in the county.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Countywide) Proposed Projects

---

Prepared by: Dayna L. Bhaggan, Public Safety Grants Manager, Police Department

Department Director: William Schultz, Chief of Police