



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0679

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: August 19, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving 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 within 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 its allocation of JAGC funding in support of technology improvements and countywide public safety equipment and supplies. 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, through Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), needs letters of support from 51% of affected units of government (local law enforcement agencies) in the county, such as the City of Fort Lauderdale. Approval of this agenda item would

demonstrate the City's support for Broward County's intended use of JAGC funding, as managed by BSO, for technology improvements and countywide public safety equipment and supplies.

Resource Impact

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2025 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: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – FY2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Proposed Projects Letter

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