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MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Laura Ciancone, Douglas County Mental Health Division Manager

DESCRIPTION: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

SUMMARY: With Douglas County Board of County Commissioners approval, Douglas County staff applied for the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance (OAJJA) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). This grant is for start-up efforts for new projects or replication of successful projects in a new area. The funding will aid in the creation and implementation of behavioral health programs that prevent and/or reduce criminality related to substance and/or mental health disorders. Douglas County's application was approved by the JAG Board.

The item before the BOCC for consideration is a change in scope from the original submitted application. Over the last year, County staff collaborated with over 50 stakeholders including former 18th Judicial District officials, now the 23rd Judicial District, to create a unique civil, involuntary mental health treatment court. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to use the awarded \$61,250 for pilot design. The JAG board is entertaining a new scope of work to include the following for pilot implementation:

1. Client Incentives
2. Secure Behavioral Health Transportation
3. Training
4. Pilot Evaluation

The grant term is one federal fiscal year, from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. No match is required. There is a 48-month funding cap, and therefore the option to apply for a continuation of funds after the end of the grant term. Continuation of funds will require a new application each year and approval from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

RECOMMENDED

ACTION: Approval for staff to submit an updated scope of work for the Edward Byrne JAG Program.

REVIEW:

Doug DeBord	Approve	11/4/2025
Jeff Garcia	Approve	11/7/2025
Christie Guthrie	Approve	11/7/2025

ATTACHMENTS:

JAG Change of Scope - Organizational Information

JAG Change of Scope - Narrative and Budget

11.18.25 Financial Management Questionnaire Attachment