

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2023 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: August 23, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding - \$50,000
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of application for the FY2023 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In April 2022, Lowndes County was awarded funding as part of the Delinquency Prevention Grant for the implementation of evidence-based programs and prevention strategies for youth who are first-time offenders, diverted from the juvenile justice system, or charged with a status offense and identified as at risk. This funding was used to implement the Strengthening Families Program. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) recently announced the availability of continuation funding for those who were previously awarded funding under this grant program.

Lowndes County is eligible for up to \$50,000 in continuation funding and intends to apply for the full amount in order to continue the Strengthening Families Program (SFP). This amount will allow for the provision of services to at least two (2) cohorts of SFP, an increase over the single cohort provided with the initial funding. Each cohort is a minimum of eight (8), and a maximum of twelve (12), youth and their families. Previously, Lowndes County had partnered with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) for program administration, which included soliciting and selecting a qualified provider. EBA has indicated that they will not be able to serve as the program administrator for this grant moving forward, so once funding is awarded, Lowndes County will solicit proposals from qualified service providers to continue providing SFP.

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program for high-risk and general population families that is recognized both nationally and internationally. Parents and youth attend weekly SFP skills classes together, learning parenting skills and youth life and refusal skills. They have separate class training for parents and youth the first hour, followed by a joint family practice session in the second hour.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve staff to submit an application for the FY 2023 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant to CJCC.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye