

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY 2023 Delinquency Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: November 8, 2022

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$50,000.00 - fully funded through reimbursement by CJCC

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding - \$50,000.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY 2023 Delinquency Prevention Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On August 23, 2022, the Board of Commissioners authorized staff to submit a request for continuation funding as part of the Delinquency Prevention Grant. This is the grant program which was originally funded beginning in April 2022 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.

Lowndes County has been awarded \$50,000.00 in continuation funding to be used 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. The cohort which just concluded saw 14 families enrolled with 11 families completing all of the requirements and successfully graduating from the program.

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. Authorize the Chairman to sign grant award documents.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: