

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County DUI Court Grant Award and Match
Approval

Work Session

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2024

BUDGET IMPACT: \$42,404.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County DUI Court (LCDUIC) has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for \$149,276.00, with a 15% match requirement by the County in the amount of \$26,343.00. LCDUIC is requesting a total of \$42,404.00 for the 2024-2025 grant period to offset the shortfall from the grant. The grant only pays a portion of the salary and benefits for the surveillance officer's contract salary. Additionally, the grant covers a small portion of treatment costs, transportation, and drug testing supplies incurred annually. The grant does not fund Reconnect, the random call-in service for the drug screens or for weekend drug testing. The Court requests the shortfall be paid by the DATE funds that are generated from fines and fees collected by the State Court of Lowndes County. The authorizing Georgia Law Code section O.C.G.A 15-21-101(b)(3) states "Moneys collected pursuant to this article and placed in the "County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund" shall be expended by the governing authority of the county for which the fund is established solely and exclusively (3) if an operating under the influence court division has been established in the county under Code 15-1-19, for the purposes of the operating under the influence court division."

On behalf of the Lowndes County DUI Court team and Judge Ellen S. Golden, I would like to thank the board for all the support you have given us over the years.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County DUI Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Heather Harris

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: