



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Certification of Compliance

Presenter:

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Description:

Byrne Grant Certification of Compliance - authorization for County Attorney to sign.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the County Attorney to sign the U.S. Department of Justice-required form certifying that the County, as a sub-recipient of a Byrne grant, is compliant with 8 U.S.C. Section 1373 & 1644.

Prior Board Motions:

May 14, 2019 - the Board authorized the Chair to accept all necessary to enable application for the Byrne Countywide funds, which includes the "Fifty-one Percent" letter, the Certificate of Acceptance and the grant proposals, as identified in the "Fifty-one Percent" letter.

Fiscal Consideration:

\$91,348 from a FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, JAGC Countywide will not be available without this signed certification.

Background:

The JAG Countywide program is administered through FDLE in accordance with Chapter 11D-9, FAC. Each County is allocated funds by FDLE. FDLE requires that the units of local government within the County reach a consensus regarding the expenditure of JAG funds. This is done in Alachua County through the Byrne Grant

Advisory Board, which makes a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The Byrne Grant Advisory Board meeting was held on September 26, 2018 and their recommendation is included in the "Fifty-one Percent" letter. On May 14, 2019, the Alachua County Board authorized the Chair to apply for local funding consistent with the "Fifty-one Percent" letter. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners was awarded funds for two programs to be administered by the Sheriff (\$8,079.00 for Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training & Safe Santa Fe Initiatives; and \$29,516.00 for Law Enforcement Equipment Program).

All Byrne grant recipients and sub-recipients must confirm that they are compliant with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 & 1644. These section of the U.S. Code deals with local governments' cooperation with immigration authorities and the lack of any policy prohibiting such cooperation.

The Sheriff's counsel has determined that the programs or activities being funded by the grant is in

compliance with these statutory sections. With authorization from the Board, the County Attorney will sign and return the Certification.