

Legislation Text

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Title:

Request Board approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Assistance FY23 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program requesting up to \$550,000 to support the Seminole County Mental Health Court Program; and authorize the County Manager to execute the grant application and supporting documents as required including contract and BAR if awarded.
Countywide (**Timothy Jecks, Deputy CFO/Budget Division Manager**)

Division:

Resource Management - Budget

Authorized By:

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Background:

The U.S. Department of Justice has announced funding programs that support cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The award would be for 3 years for up to \$550,000. If awarded, Seminole County will use the funding to expand the Mental Health Court Program by increasing the capacity of participants served and providing housing assistance to qualified participants.

This solicitation requires a 20 percent cash or in-kind match during the first two years and a 40 percent match in year three. The match requirement would be provided by personnel support from the 18th Circuit Court, Seminole County, and ASPIRE Health Partners including the Financial Grant Manager, Problem Solving Courts Manager, State Attorney, Judge, and ASPIRE administration support.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Assistance FY23 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program requesting up to \$550,000 to support the Seminole County Mental Health Court Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute the grant application and supporting documents as required including contract

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