

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 24 Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: June 13, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$42,404.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court FY 24 Grant Award

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of **\$143,063.00**, with a **12% match** requirement by the county in the amount of **\$19,509.00**. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total of **\$42,404.00** for the 2023-2024 grant period. The grant only pays a portion of the salary and benefits of the surveillance officer's contract salary. Additionally, the grant covers only a portion of treatment costs, transportation, and drug testing supplies incurred annually. The grant does not fund Reconnect, the random call-in service for drug screens. 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 Section 15-1-19, for the purpose of the operating under the influence court division." The Lowndes county DUI Court began operating in January 2017.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County DUI Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Judge Golden

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: