

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2024 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: October 24, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

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

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding - \$50,000
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY2024 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On July 25, 2023, 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 was recently notified that we have 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. During the past grant year, between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023, there were a total of 21 youth who successfully graduated from the SFP 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: