

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Delinquency
Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: December 10, 2024

Work
Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$50,000.00 - Reimbursed fully by CJCC through the
grant

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding - \$50,000.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY2025 Delinquency Prevention Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Earlier this year, staff submitted a request for continuation of funding as part of the Delinquency Prevention Grant. This grant program was originally funded beginning in April 2022 to implement 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 it has been awarded \$50,000.00 in continuation funding for the Strengthening Families Program (SFP). This amount will allow for providing services to at least two (2) cohorts of SFP. Each cohort is a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) youth and their families.

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program for high-risk and general-population families recognized nationally and internationally. Parents and youth attend weekly SFP skills classes together, learning parenting skills and youth life and refusal skills. In the first hour, they have separate class training for parents and youth, followed by a joint family practice session in the second hour.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign award documents, including agreement with Peaceway Counseling to provide SFP services.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: