

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2026 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

DATE OF MEETING: April 22, 2025

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$342,493.00 - All expenses will be fully reimbursed through the grant

FUNDING SOURCE:

- ☒ CJCC Funding - \$342,493.00
- ☐ Capital
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ SPLOST
- ☐ TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Authorization to submit FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

Since 2014, Lowndes County has received annual funding through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to support the Juvenile Court in implementing community-based services to divert youth offenders from incarceration. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) has been the primary evidence-based program delivered under this initiative and has consistently demonstrated strong outcomes.

For FY 2026, the Juvenile Court proposes to continue this successful intervention by seeking additional CJCC funding. If awarded, Evidence-Based Associates (EBA) will continue to serve as the managing entity, overseeing program implementation and ensuring compliance with all reporting and performance requirements.

Recently, stakeholders reviewed historical data and current caseloads to assess ongoing program needs. Based on this analysis, it was concluded that continuing FFT at the current service level would best meet the needs of the County's at-risk youth.

Accordingly, staff recommends submitting an application requesting \$342,493.00 through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program to serve 54 youths and their families during FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). This fully reimbursable grant requires Lowndes County to initially cover costs and receive 100% reimbursement for all eligible expenditures.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize the Chairman to sign application documents, including a Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence-Based Associates, and for staff to submit the completed application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

2. Board's Pleasure