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Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>
Subject: JAG Support Letter Requested (by October 27th)

Here's my written request for the letter. Thanks again!

Good Afternoon,

It's that time of year again! The annual Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Countywide grant allocations have been released to support system-wide criminal justice programs within the county. In previous years these grant funds have supported the Behavioral/Mental Health Court. For FY 2017, the award amount is \$110,778 which reflects a \$6,755 (5.74%) decrease from the prior year. In anticipation of the upcoming award, the Criminal Justice Commission voted on March 20, 2017, to allocate the entire award to continue funding Behavioral/Mental Health Court.

As you are aware, the JAG County program requires a support letter from 51% of the governmental jurisdictions within the County. I respectfully request a support letter from your jurisdiction for the funds to support the Behavioral/Mental Health Court allocation. This does not, of course, have any effect on any JAG funds you may receive directly. This action pertains only to the JAG Countywide funds.

I have provided a sample support letter in a word format so that it can be printed off on city letterhead. **Please return a signed, electronic copy back to me via email at your earliest convenience (but no later than October 27, 2017)** so that I may include it in the grant application. Please advise if anything else is required of me in order to expedite this request. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

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From: Criminal Justice [<mailto:criminaljustice@fdle.state.fl.us>]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 2:37 PM
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Subject: Status of Florida's FY17 JAG Funding

Byrne/JAG Subgrant Chief Officials and Project Directors:

FDLE has submitted a State of Florida application for FY17 JAG funding, which is currently pending approval by DOJ Office of Justice Programs (OJP). As you may be aware, the state must certify compliance with new conditions and attestations prior to accepting the award. FDLE has been coordinating with the Executive Branch to complete this process.

Until Florida receives the federal award and a decision is made whether the state will accept the terms and conditions, FDLE is not able to approve new JAG subawards. This will impact availability of funds for subrecipients that planned to begin grant-funded projects effective October 1, 2017.

We are aware some agencies use JAG funds to pay personnel costs for positions, or sustainment costs for legacy-funded or continuation projects (e.g., task forces, targeted enforcement, etc.). An email was recently distributed notifying of this delay, and providing a reminder that grant-funded projects should be developed with a sustainment plan in place in the event grant funds are not available.

Florida has received continuous federal JAG funding for many decades, and we are doing everything possible to ensure this funding continues.

We have posted allocations for the FY17 JAG-Countywide cycle in anticipation of receiving the federal award. This information has been made available for local units of government to begin strategic planning efforts in the event funds become available and FDLE can begin approving subawards.

Due to the delays this year, FDLE will not be issuing hard-copy notifications by mailing grant packages to County Commissioners or Mayors. All requirements for this year's JAG process, including allocations, eligibility requirements, the "51% process," solicitations, and application instructions will be communicated electronically via our website (www.fdle.state.fl.us/cms/Grants/Home.aspx). This site will be updated as information becomes available.

Please contact JAG supervisor Rona Kay Cradit or Chief Herring with any questions. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
FDLE Office of Criminal Justice Grants
