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**Subject:** JAG Support Letter Requested (by 6/21/19)

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 2018, the award amount is \$108,616 which reflects a \$2,162 (1.95%) decrease from the prior year. In anticipation of the upcoming award, the Criminal Justice Commission voted on April 22, 2019, 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 note that JAG funding is lagging due to delays at the Federal level, therefore the reference to **FY 2018 is correct**. **Please return a signed, electronic copy back to me via email at your earliest convenience (but no later than June 21, 2019)** 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,

**Kim Wiles**

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