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Subject: JAG Support Letter Requested (by 4/30/20)

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Good Afternoon,

It's that time of year again! The annual Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-C) 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 the FY 2019 JAG-C, the award amount is \$104,418 which reflects a \$4,198 (3.86%) decrease from the prior year. In anticipation of the upcoming award, the Criminal Justice Commission voted 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 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 2019** as stated in the sample letter is correct. **Please return a signed, electronic copy back to me via email at your earliest convenience (but no later than April 30, 2020)** 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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