Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of 191,041.

Background/Justification

The local solicitation for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) was released on July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$191,041. The Durham County Sheriff's Office and the Durham Police Department will receive \$95,520.50 in a 50/50 agreement from the grant. The Sheriff's Office seeks to obtain critical incident and specialized equipment to better service the community during life-threatening events using the grant award. Program narrative is attached that provides detail on the equipment to be purchased.

After the BOCC reviews this application the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) requires the Chair of the Board to sign a Certification of Assurance on December 4th, but not later than December 9th, 2019. This is an extension granted by BJA due to the Sheriff's Office applying prior to the BOCC's approval. As part of the certification, the Sheriff's Office will make this application available for public comment on the Sheriff's Office website along with several social media platforms for one week as required by the grant application.

Policy Impact

No policy impact anticipated. The Sheriff's Office has used BJA grants in the past to purchase specialized law enforcement and special teams equipment.

Procurement Background

Procurement will occur after grant acceptance.

Fiscal Impact

No local match is required for the grant.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$191,041 and that the Chair sign the Certification of Assurance on December 4, 2019 but no later than December 9, 2019 after the public comment period has been completed.