



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000003 - Sheriff's Office Acceptance of \$172,746 from the 2017 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) program

Date Of BOCC Meeting: August 13, 2018

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000003 accepting the \$172,746 for 2017 Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) award.

Durham County has been awarded the 2017 Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) which will provide funding for the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Devices Unit and Search and Recovery Team. These specialized teams provide emergency services to the citizens of Durham and maintain several mutual aid agreements to surrounding jurisdictions. These funds will also increase safety measures provided at the Durham County Courthouse. The Durham County Sheriff's Office serves as the sole bomb squad for this region, which is comprised of an estimated 932,108 residents. This equipment serves as a regional asset during natural and man-made emergencies.

The Sheriff's Office funds will be used to support the purchase of various tools and equipment for our Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Devices Unit and Search and Recovery Team that will help mitigate potential dangers responders face in the response to unusual occurrences. There is no match or additional funding required for the grant.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the County's Goal 3: Safe Community and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: David LaBarre, Director of Planning and Development, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves of Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000003 accepting \$172,746 from the 2017 Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

County Manager: _____