

Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000020 - Recognize \$172,746 in Justice Assistance Grant revenue in the Sheriff's Office, appropriate Restricted Fund Balance of \$503, and allow technical changes to the JAG budget

Date of BOCC Meeting: November 12, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve budget amendment No. 20BCC000020 to recognize revenue from the previously approved 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (August 13, 2018), as well as appropriate Restricted Fund Balance from prior years in the Sheriff's Office and allow administrative changes to the JAG expenditure budget.

The County Sheriff's Office has received \$172,746 from the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the United States Department of Justice. The grant, which is split 50/50 with the Durham Police Department, provides funding used by law enforcement agencies to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The Sheriff's Office plans to use the funding to purchase personal protective equipment, such as combat belts, helmets and bulletproof vests, for the Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Devices Unit, and Search and Recovery Team. The city plans to use its funding to purchase surveillance equipment and contracts for leadership training. Despite this being a 2017 grant award, the final reporting period did not close until September 2019. No County match is required for the grant award.

The amendment will also make administrative adjustments to the FY 2019-20 JAG budget reducing expenses by \$59,699 (bringing the total to \$205,713) ensuring only current or prior JAG funds are supporting these expenditures. The revenue budget will be amended to recognize funds received from the 2017 JAG award (\$172,746) and Restricted Fund Balance (\$503).

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Funding aligns with Goal 3 of the strategic plan - Safe Community.

<u>Resource Persons</u>: David LaBarre, Director of Planning and Development, Durham County Sheriff's Office; Keith Lane, Durham County Budget Director.

<u>County Manager's Recommendation</u>: The County Manager recommends that the board approve budget amendment No. 20BCC000020 to recognize new Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) revenue in the Sheriff's Office and allow administrative changes to the JAG budget.

County Manager: