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Item:

BOCC Review of 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

Date of BOCC Meeting: September 14, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$173,043. The local solicitation for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant was released on July 9, 2020. In years past, the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the Durham Police Department have divided the award in a 50/50 agreement. Durham Police Department has forfeited their share (\$86,521.50) of the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

These funds will be used to obtain mission-critical equipment needed during life-threatening events. The emergency personal protective equipment and technology upgrades will be multi-purposed between the Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Devices Unit, Search and Recovery, and Project Life-Saver Team. More information on the technology and equipment that will be purchased using this grant funding can be found at <https://www.durhamsheriff.com/Home/Components/News/News/7888/3199>.

A local match is not required as part of this grant. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) requires the Chair of the Board to sign a Certification of Assurance, no less than 30 days after the BOCC's review and the public comment requirement has been satisfied. As part of the certification, the Sheriff's Office has made this application available to the public starting the week of August 17, 2020 via the Sheriff's Office website at www.durhamsheriff.com <http://www.durhamsheriff.com>.

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

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the Sheriff's Office application for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$173,043 and that the Chair sign the Certification of Assurance no less than 30 days after the BOCC's review in conjunction with the application being made available for public comment.

County Manager: _____